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Care and Industry are shown in the preparation of this History. It is a valuable contribution to the Masonic literature of Pennsylvania.

Truly yours and fraternally,

James B. Krause.

Grand Master.

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PREFACE.

Volume One covers from 1727 to St. John's Day, 1781, and gives the beginning of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania as shown by the records of Lodge No. 2 as well as the services of our brethren in the Revolutionary War, having the great distinction of 16 Colonels, 10 Majors and 28 Captains, all members of Lodge No. 2 in the Continental Army, who all saw actual service and helped to obtain American Independence. That this patriotic spirit still animates the craft is shown by the statistics of this great world war. The State of Pennsylvania has one hundred and thirty-six thousand Master Masons in the Fraternity and has contributed over ten thousand of them to the Service of the United States. These brethren have left their usual vocations to serve their country. Some are in foreign lands, others are preparing to enter the branches of the Service to which they have been ordered. Wherever they have gone and whatever service they have performed we know they have done it loyally and well, and that the lessons taught in the various degrees will sustain and comfort them. Every power of our Organization and every force of our influence were marshalled at this critical period to serve mankind and to labor devotedly for its true welfare.

The Fraternity has always served our country and its members have been ready to devote their time, energies and lives to the cause of Liberty, for which our flag stands.

Volume Second contains the Masonic History of Pennsylvania from 1781 to December, 1813, and this present volume, the third, is from 1813 to 1855, commencing with the War of 1812, the importance of which is not generally understood until it is realized that by it the United States obtained the rights for which the Revolution was fought. One of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry is loyalty to government and obedience to law and constituted authority, hence the anti-Masonic craze or Morgan excitement, as it was called, which existed 1826–1840, was uncalled for. The facts which are accurately given in the text of this volume show Lodge No. 2 under its Master in 1837–38–39, William Cummings, with the assistance of Brother John Thomson of Lodge No. 51, afterwards Grand Master, came together from time to time while the storm was at its highest, although there was a resolution upon the Secretary's desk to surrender its warrant, which finally was defeated. And it also plainly appears that the politicians of the anti-Masonic movement used false statements to poison the public mind and create a popular delusion to obtain votes for their cause and array the unthinking and misinformed against the Fraternity.

DeWitt Clinton was a candidate for governor. At that period he held all the important official stations in Masonry: R. W. Grand Master of New York, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and Grand Master of the General Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. It is stated a paper published in New York, called the *National Union,* was started for the sole purpose of helping his election as governor. The editor was Samuel H. Jenks, of Nantucket, Mass., who was Deputy Grand Master in 1825. On October 30, 1824, he printed the following notice:

> "*Brethren*: Your former Grand Master is now a candidate for the support of the 'free and accepted.' De Witt Clinton, if there be any virtue in the cardinal principles of your faith, will receive your undivided suffrage for governor. It is in periods of trial, like the present, that the wisdom of Freemasonry has been exercised, its strength tested, and its beauty displayed. Amidst the dark ages of past time, the great lights of our Order, though often obscured, have never been extinguished. Shall they now be eclipsed by the 'introduction of strangers among the workmen?' Will you suffer the political edifice to be 'daubed with untempered mortar?' No, surely! The architect of your internal prosperity is before you. Enter warmly into the cause of your Brother—pass onward to the ballot boxes with the tokens of your zeal and fidelity—and by your united votes contribute to raise the state to that exalted rank to which she is so justly entitled.
>
> (Signed),
>
> "THE WIDOW'S SON."

This political appeal was grossly improper. It ought not to have been made, as it is contrary to Masonic principles, and we regret and deplore the fact it was done, but Brother Clinton was elected governor of New York in 1824 and was still in office in 1826 when Morgan disappeared.

The anti-Masonic Party in the United States had about 340,000 voters in all. In Maine it had about one thousand votes. Vermont was anti-Masonic and the only state carried by the party.

Pennsylvania, to her discredit, held an anti-Masonic Convention September 11, 1830, and adopted a report of a committee that Morgan was foully murdered and demanded our Fraternity should be suppressed. The report gave the following reasons for the recommendation:

> "To this government Freemasonry is wholly opposed. It requires unresisting submission to its own authority, in contempt of public opinion, the claims of conscience, and the rights of private judgment.
>
> "The means of overthrowing Freemasonry cannot be found in any, or in all, of our executive authorities. They cannot be found in our judicial establishments.
>
> "The only adequate corrective of Freemasonry—that prolific source of the worst abuses—is to be found in the right of election, and to this we must resort.
>
> "Freemasonry ought to be abolished. It should certainly be so abolished as to prevent its restoration. No means of doing this can be conceived so competent as those furnished by the ballot boxes."

It was a most bitter fight, particularly because it had some foolish Presbyterian and Methodist ministers in it, misled by false statements but right and truth prevailed, as it always will in the end, which began in 1836, when the anti-Masonic Party held its last national convention. They called themselves the Christian Party in politics, and while they heard the truth refused to accept it, and as those kind of men always use every instrument at hand at their inspiration the Presbyterian Church responded in January, 1827, in Pittsburgh by the passage of a resolution condemning our Fraternity as unfit for professing Christians. They even went so far as to require its members to renounce Masonry, in which Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, the pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, was a leader. It is the one blot on his otherwise distinguished career. The more difficult for us to understand now from the fact that in 1836 Rev. John Chambers, the most prominent and distinguished Presbyterian clergyman of Philadelphia, became Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which position he occupied until 1874. The Congregationalists in New England also joined them, and that stampeded the Methodists, who lost their heads also, and the General Conference in 1823 not only prohibited their ministers becoming Masons, but did all in its power to aid the anti-Masonic Party. The Baptist Church could not be fooled and exercised better judgment than the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists.

To the virulent abuse the Fraternity, conscious of its innocence, made no reply, but in 1831 Brother Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, prepared the following, which states the position of the Fraternity so accurately we cannot refrain from quoting it. It reflects great credit upon him and we venture to suggest the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should by appropriate action inform the craft of its everlasting debt to Brother Moore because at that period it required moral courage to do and say what he did:

> "WHEREAS, it has been frequently asserted and published to the world that in the several degrees of FREEMASONRY, as they are enforced in the United States, the candidate, in his initiation and subsequent advancement, binds himself by oath to sustain his Masonic brethren in acts which are at variance with the fundamental principles of morality and incompatible with his duty as a good and faithful citizen, in justice therefore to themselves, and with a view to establish TRUTH and expose IMPOSITION, the undersigned, many of us the recipients of every degree of Freemasonry known and

acknowledged in this country, do most SOLEMNLY DENY the existence of any such obligations in the MASONIC INSTITUTION, so far as our knowledge respectively extends. And we as SOLEMNLY AVER that no person is admitted to the Institution without first being made acquainted with the nature of the obligations which he will be required to incur and assume.

"FREEMASONRY secures its members in the freedom of thought and of speech, and permits each and everyone to act according to the dictates of his own conscience in matters of religion, and of his personal preferences in matters of politics; it neither knows, nor does it assume to inflict upon its erring members, however wide may be their aberration from duty, and penalties or punishments other than those of ADMONITION, SUSPENSION and EXPULSION.

"The obligations of the Institution require of its members a strict obedience to the laws of God and man. So far from being bound by any engagements inconsistent with the happiness and prosperity of the nation, every citizen who becomes a Mason is doubly bound to be true to his GOD, to his COUNTRY, and to his FELLOWMAN.

"In the language of the Ancient Constitutions of the Order, which are printed and open for public inspection, and which are used as text books in all the lodges, he is required to keep and obey the MORAL LAW; to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to his government and just to his country.

"MASONRY disdains the making of proselytes; she opens the portals of her asylum to those who seek admission with the recommendation of a character unspotted by immorality and vice. She simply requires of the candidate his assent to one great, fundamental, religious truth—THE EXISTENCE AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD; and a practical acknowledgment of those infallible doctrines for the government of life which are written by the finger of God on the heart of man.

"ENTERTAINING such sentiments, as MASONS, as CITIZENS, as CHRISTIANS, and as MORAL MEN, and deeply impressed with the conviction that the MASONIC INSTITUTION has been, and may continue to be, productive of great good to their fellowmen; and having 'received the laws of the society, and its accumulated funds, in sacred trust for charitable uses,' the undersigned can neither renounce nor abandon it.

"We most cordially unite with our Brethren of Salem and vicinity in the declaration and hope that, 'should the people of this country become so infatuated as to deprive Masons of their civil rights, in violation of their written constitutions, and the wholesome spirit of just laws and free governments, a vast majority of the Fraternity will still remain firm, confiding in God, and the rectitude of their intentions for consolation, under the trials to which they may be exposed."

Thurlow Weed, of New York, and Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania, were the master minds who guided the anti-Masonic Party, but it has reflected no credit on them, and posterity knows their claims and charges were false and untrue, and regards their conduct in this respect as unworthy of them and a blot upon their memory—and reputations.

Another matter treated of in this Volume is the Masonic career of our Brother Stephen Girard. The evidence and original records have been carefully gathered by Bro. Julius F. Sachse and examined and considered by us both, and it tends to show:

1. Stephen Girard was made a Mason on January 28, 1788, in Union Blue Lodge, No. 8, Charleston, South Carolina.

2. He never affiliated with any Lodge in Pennsylvania and therefore was not a Pennsylvania Mason (p. 241).

3. Stephen Girard was buried December 31, 1831, in the ground adjoining the German Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, northwest corner Sixth and Spruce streets.

4. When the main building of Girard College was about completed the commissioners of the Girard estate and the city authorities made arrangement for his disinterment. This was in December, 1850. The Fraternity had nothing to do with the removal.

5. The anti-Masonic days had just passed and some of the heirs of Girard objected and asked the court for an injunc-

tion to prevent the removal of the remains, and the matter was heard and decided September 30, 1851, by Judges King, Parsons and Kelly, Judge King suggesting that the applicants had better permit the city to proceed with the ceremonies and place the body in the sarcophagus at the Girard College, and this was done September 30 with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge, as shown on page 389. And since this time our Brother Girard has peacefully slept in the main building of the college which he founded and where we hope he will remain until the last trump shall sound on Resurrection Morn.

His memory is cherished by his brethren and the Masonic Fund, which bears the name of Stephen Girard Charity Fund, has done untold good to the recipients. The fund itself now amounts to $90,050 and $3,750 was distributed by the stewards in the year 1918 to those entitled to receive it.

Norris Stanley Barratt

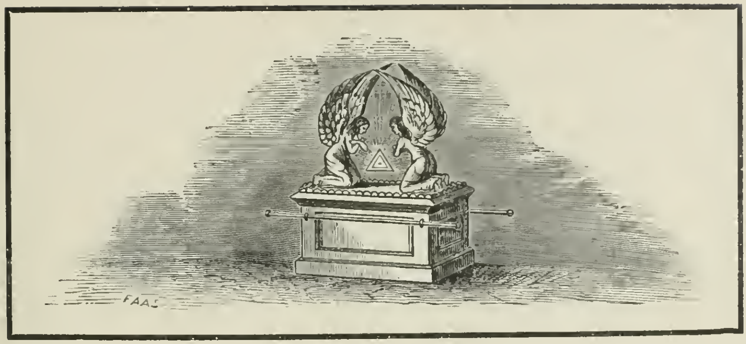
Past Master Lodge No. 2,

Julius F. Sachse.

Past Master Lodge No. 91,

Curator and Librarian of Grand Lodge, Compilers.

Oct. 2, 1918.



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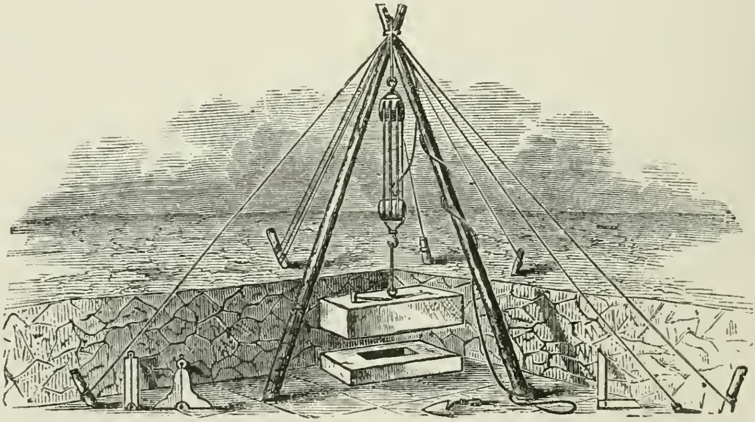

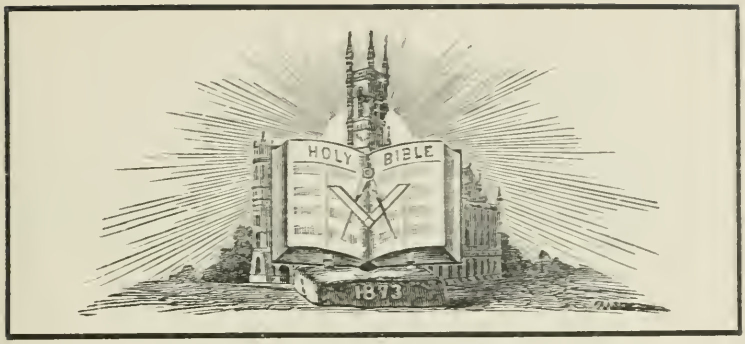

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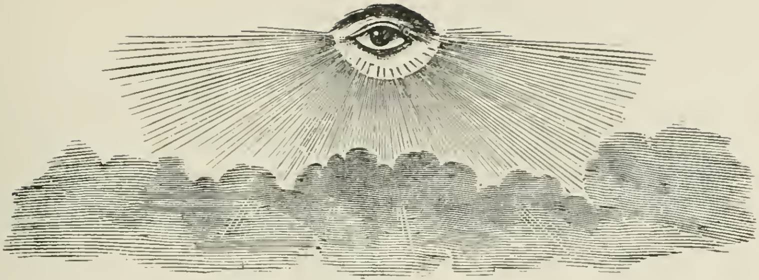

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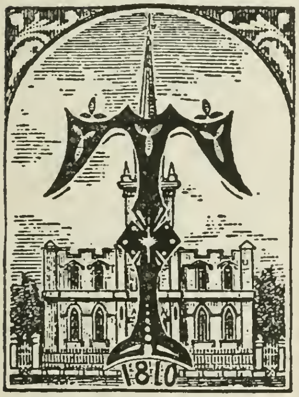
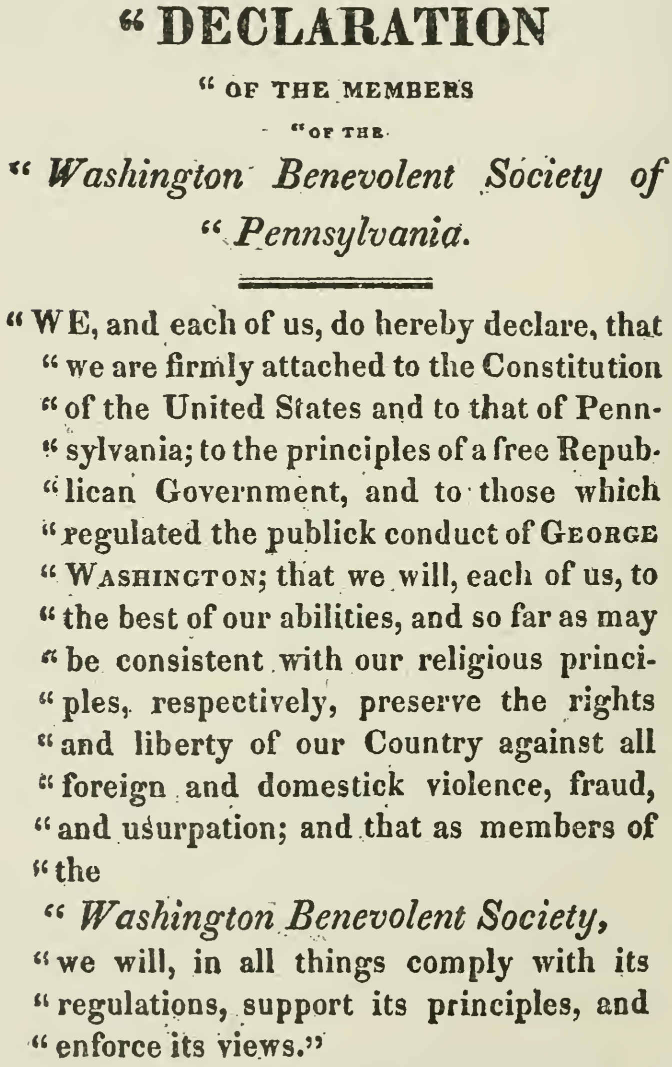


THE Second Volume of our History of "Freemasonry 1727–1907, as shown by the records of Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.," closes with the year 1813, a period in which civil and political conditions both state and national were more or less unsettled, which naturally had its reflex more or less upon our fraternity.

It has been stated that the year 1814 was one of the most exciting periods in the History of Philadelphia, if not of the United States of America. The War with Great Britain had centered upon our shores, the Delaware and Chesapeake were blockaded by the enemy, and the foe landed upon our shores; the British under Ross defeated the Americans at Bladensburg, entered Washington the next day ruthlessly burned the Capitol and destroyed all the other public buildings.



" **DECLARATION**

" OF THE MEMBERS

" OF THE

" *Washington Benevolent Society of*

" *Pennsylvania.*

" WE, and each of us, do hereby declare, that
" we are firmly attached to the Constitution
" of the United States and to that of Penn-
" sylvania; to the principles of a free Repub-
" lican Government, and to those which
" regulated the publick conduct of GEORGE
" WASHINGTON; that we will, each of us, to
" the best of our abilities, and so far as may
" be consistent with our religious princi-
" ples, respectively, preserve the rights
" and liberty of our Country against all
" foreign and domestick violence, fraud,
" and usurpation; and that as members of
" the

" *Washington Benevolent Society,*

" we will, in all things comply with its
" regulations, support its principles, and
" enforce its views."

PRINCIPLES OF THE WASHINGTON BENEVOLENCE SOCIETY, FROM AN OLD HAND BILL IN THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

These outrages revived revolutionary zeal, and inspired the National Government with a new spirit and united the people of the Middle States for a more aggressive war, while the eastern states resisted the embargo, and took little interest in driving the foreign foe from our shores.

Among the most loyal organizations in our community was the Washington Benevolent Society, which was closely allied to our Grand Lodge; Patriotic Banquets were given by the Benevolent Society, February 22nd and July 4, in the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, when patriotic addresses were made and toasts drank.

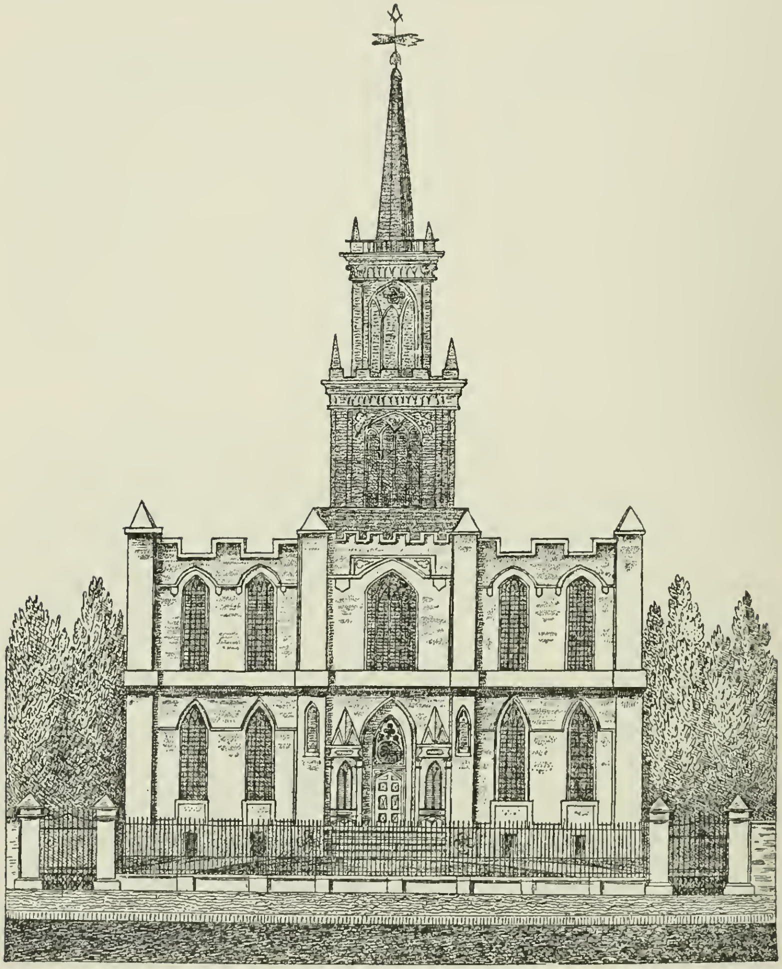
The large banquet hall in the Chestnut Street Hall at that time was the favorite place for all social and patriotic functions.

One of the most important of these functions at this time was, when the native Germans, Hollanders and Switzers celebrated Napoleon's defeat in the battle at Leipzig, by a grand dinner at the Masonic Hall, February 24, 1814.

A copy of this program, printed by Conrad Zentler, the german printer, Second Street near Race, is still extant, containing the toasts, speeches, music and cantata, composed for the occasion by L. F. Bernhardt, also the patriotic address by Christian L. Mannhardt. The title of this pamphlet reads:

''Short account of the festival celebration and Banquet by Germans, Hollanders and Swiss in the Freemason's Hall in Philadelphia, February 24, 1814.''

The first stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, in the year 1814, was held January 10; that the year did not open auspiciously for the fraternity is shown by the Minutes of the Lodge.



Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 1811–1819.

January 10, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 7 Visitors.

Edw^{d} Shelmendine,	W. M.
Jos. Douglass,	S. W.
Wm. Ruff,	J. W.
F. Nice,	S. D.

Applications to withdraw were received from Brs. Marshal and Wallington.

Resolved that Lodge No. 2, relinquish all further claim to an extra Room in the Hall.

A Committee was appointed consisting of W.M. Treas^{r} & Sec'y who shall have full power to collect or remit all Dues of Delinquent Members. The Committee appointed to examine the account of Jos. Burden Treas^{r} No. 2, Report that we find them correct that there remain a ballance in his hands of twenty-dollars & thirty-five cents in favor of No. 2.

The Tylers bill of $5.50 cents & Stewarts of 12.57 cents were ordered to be paid.

Dues collected $90.

February 14, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 1 Visitor.

Edward Shelmendine,	W. M.
Ruff,	S. W.
F. Nice,	J. W.
J. Nice,	S. D.

A Petition was read from Isaac H. Griffith praying to be Initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry &

Whereupon Brs. Douglass, Ruff & Ferron were a committee to inquire into his Character. A Petition to withdraw was reced. from Jno. Graves & order to lay over.

A petition for to withdraw was read from Jno. Stineman & ordered to lay over.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. O'Brien:

Whereas: the funds of this Lodge are, at present, inadequate to pay our dues and rent to the Grand Lodge, and to afford relief to our distressed brethren;

Therefore Resolved: That from henceforward each and every brother, who has been a member of this Lodge for one year, or more, may have the privilege of commuting his contribution as a member, by paying Thirty-Dollars in addition to his dues up to the time he avails himself of this resolution, which sum shall be considered as payment of dues in full during life, the brother so paying to be subject to the by-laws now in force, or which may hereafter be adopted, in every respect except the payment of dues. All commutations thus received (after paying the Grand Lodge dues and rent up to St. John's Day, last) to be invested in some public stock —the interest arising thereon to be applied towards the payment of Grand Lodge dues, rent, and other necessary Lodge expenses.

(The above presented and read in Lodge No. 2, February 14, 1814, and to be finally disposed of in said Lodge, stated meeting, 9th May, 1814.)

Which agreeably to the Bye Laws must lay over two stated nights of meeting.

Bro. Carr & Shelmindine applied to be recommended to Arch No. 3, which was granted.

March 14, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 7 Visitors.

Bro. Shelmendine,	W. M.
F. Nice,	S. W.
J. Ruff,	J. W.
J. Nice,	S. D.
Busman,	J. D.
Coxe,	M.C.

An Entered apprentice Lodge was opened at 1/2 past Six-O'clock in Antient form when the Minutes of the proceedings Evenings were read & approved of.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Character of Isaac H. Griffith reported favorably, whereupon he was ballotted for & unanimously elected. The Candidate being in waiting was introduced agreeably to Antient form, Initiated into the first degree of masonry.

The Petition offered on the last stated night of meeting having in view to aid the funds of the Lodge was ordered to lay over until next stated meeting, Br. I. H. Griffith returned thanks to the Lodge Received instructions from W. M. & paid his initiation fee.

A Petition of Charity was read for the aid of the distressed Family of our late worthy Bro. the Rev^{d}

George Richards whereupon the Lodge granted the sum of fifty dollars.[1]

The Lodge granted twenty dollars to be placed in the hands of Brs. Allen, Baker & Nice for the relief of Mary Gamble the widow to our late Br. Capt. Gamble.

The Entered apprentice Lodge was closed & all who were not Past Masters, having withdrawn & Master Masons Lodge was opened & Br. Frederick passed the Chair by virtue of a dispensation from Rich^{d} Tybout, Esq., R. W. G. M.

A M. Masters Lodge closed & an E Apprentice opened, the Brethren were remitted and the Lodge closed in Harmony at half-past 9 O'Clock.

Dues Collected $76.

April 11, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 11 visitors.

Br Griffiths, Crafted

A Petition of Charity was read from our Brother Jacob Harman in sickness and distress when on motion it was agreed that B^{rs}. Tice, O'Brien & Lafittee be a Committee to distribute the sum of twenty dollars to be drawn from the funds of the Lodge.

April 14, 1814.—Special Meeting, 3 Oclock p. m. Present 7 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Nelson Webster, E. P. R. by dispensation.

May 9, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 21 members.

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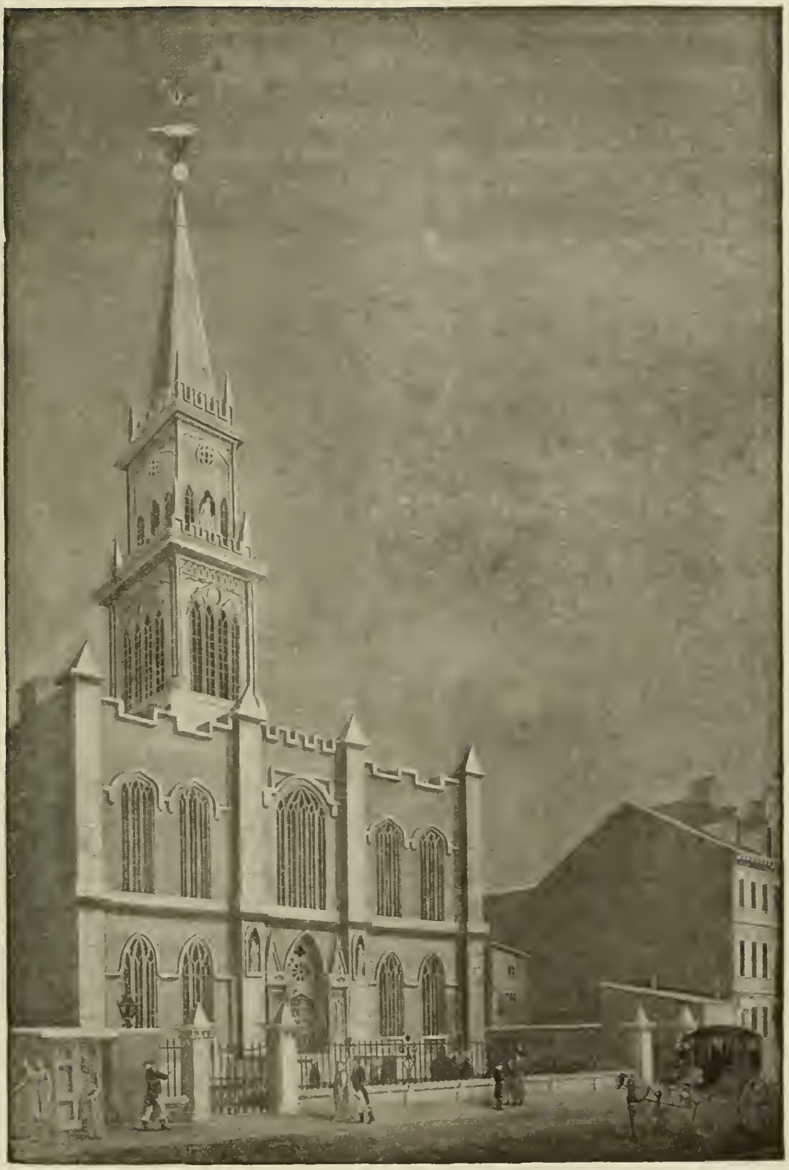
[1] Rev. George Richards was one of the Grand Chaplains. For a full account of Bro. Richards, *vide* Volume I, pp. 298–299.



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1811—MASONIC HALL—1819

CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

DESTROYED BY FIRE, MARCH 9, 1819.

A Communication was read from the G. Lodge stating the amount of dues from No. 2 to the G. Lodge when on motion resolved that the Treasurer be empowered to pay off the amount as the money may come into his hands.

It was resolved that every member & visitor sitting down to supper on next stated night of meeting pay the sum of twenty-five cents extra.

Br Griffiths, Raised

June 13, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 8 visitors.

B^r^. Lafitte on behalf of the Committee for the relief of B^r^. Harman reports that having called on the Treasurer for the twenty dollars as voted by the Lodge was informed that there was no money in his hands when the Committee raised from individual members the sum of Thirteen Dolls. & fifty cents & paid over to B^r^. Harman—when it was resolved that the Treasurer advance the amount voted to the Committee whenever they may be funds in his possession.

Brs Webster & Stevens, Tellers, reported the following Officers, Elected, Wm Ruff, W. M. John Sommer, S. W. James McKeage, J. W. A. Lafitte, Secty. Joseph Burden, Treas^r^.

It was resolved that an adjourned meeting be held on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Installing the newly-elected officers.

June 14, 1814.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 7 members & 1 visitor

Officers, Elected, duly installed

Appointment made. Br. Conner, S. D. Busman, J. D. F. Nice S. M. C. J. Nice J. M. C.

July 11, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 13 visitors.

Visitors:

Chas. Mercier, No. 3
Br. Martin Brown, No 344 Liverpool
" Pearson W. M., No. 3
" Hilsheimer, P. M. No. 51
" Reid, No. 345 Ireland
" Alphonso C. Ireland
" Bedlock
" Harris
" Samuel Maitland
" Obed. Foote, Aurora Lodge, N. Y.
" Friel St. Johns, No. 6 N. Y.
" P. Heyl, No. 139
Robt Smith Tatem, No. 126

Br Nelson Webster, Elected a member.

Wm Curry, Entered

The standing committee of Lodge No. 2 to settle the Treasurer's accounts report that having examined the accounts of Br. Joseph Burden, Treasurer of Lodge No. 2, they find them correct, and that there remains a balance of $37.52 due to Br. Burden—July 8th 1814.

August 8, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Busman, Resigned

Br Curry, Crafted

September 12, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 15 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Curry, Raised

It was moved by B^{r}. I. Webster, seconded by B^{r}. Burden, that a committee of five members be appointed to devise ways and means of raising a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of discharging our Dues to the Grand Lodge, whereupon the following members were appointed as the committee, to wit.: B^{rs}. Burden, Shelmerdine, Sommer, McKeage and G. A. Baker, junr.

October 10, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members.

Brs McKeage & Griffiths were appointed a committee to wait upon Br Alex^{n} Ramsey to give him proper instructions to receive the second degree of Masonry.

B^{r}. Burden on behalf of the committee appointed at our last meeting, for the purpose of devising ways and means of discharging our dues to the Grand Lodge, stated that they had not acted. It was resolved that the committee be continued.

B^{r}. Burden offered a resolution for repealing that part of the 14th section of our By-Laws which relates to the salary that shall be given to the Secretary, and proposed that the following be inserted instead thereof, to wit: "The Secretary for the faithful performance of his duties shall receive one dollar on each stated night of meeting, one dollar for every initiation, and be exempt from dues. Ordered to lie over for two stated meetings.

Brs McKeage & Webster were appointed Stewards, to prepare refreshments for next Stated Meeting.

November 14, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 8 members & 1 visitor.

It was particularly requested by the Lodge that the Secretary notify B^{r}. W^{m}. Meguire & B^{r}. John Douglass to attend our next stated meeting. It was also requested that each member receive information from the Secretary to attend the election for officers to be held on our next stated night.

The resolution to reduce the Secretary's salary having lain the time required by our By-Laws, was again brought forward by B^{r} Burden, and adopted by the Lodge. B^{r}. O'Brien moved that the following clause be added to it, viz.: "The Secretary shall also receive 50 cents for the admission of a new member," which was likewise approved of. The resolution therefore shall read as follows: "The Secretary for the faithful performance of his duties shall receive one dollar on each stated night of meeting, one dollar for every initiation, fifty cents for the admission of a new member, and be exempt from dues.

"The committee appointed to wait on Br Alex^{n} Ramsey, reported that he was not prepared to come forward this evening, and continued."

December 12, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 25 members & 8 visitors.

"Br Ramsey examined in Open Lodge and found worthy to be advanced, and was then Crafted."

Brs Allen & Baker, Tellers, reported the following Officers, Elected, Br John Sommer, W. M. James McKeage, S. W. Robert Allen, J. W. Alex^{n} Lafitte Secty. Joseph Burden, Treas^{r}.

"Adopted that the Sect'y shall receive one Dollar for each Stated night of Meeting, one dollar for every Initiation, Fifty cents for the admission of a new member, and be exempt from dues."

Br C. Schneider, appointed Tyler.

"It being nearly time to close the Lodge, it was thought proper to defer the Installation of the Officers Elect untill to-morrow at 3 Oclock, p. m.

December 13, 1814.—Adjourned Meeting, 3 O'clock P. M. Present 8 members.

Officers duly installed

January 9, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 11 visitors

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, Report, That they have examined the account of Br Jos Burden, Treasurer of Lodge No 2, for the last six months, and find them correct, and that the balance remaining in his hands, amounts to \$14.10½.

(Signed) G. A. Baker, P. M. Wm Ruff, W. M. John Sommer, S. W. Robt Allen, J. W. elect.

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments. Br. Conner, S. D. Brs Fredk and John Nice, M. C. Br Griffiths was appointed, J. D. Br John Douglass presented a petition to withdraw from this Lodge.

"Moved and seconded that those members who think proper to partake of refreshments shall pay twenty five cents extra each, where-upon $3.50 cts were collected and paid to the Treasurer."

"Dues collected and Lodge closed in harmony 15 minutes past 8 Oclock"

February 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 4 visitors.

A petition for charity from M^rs. Martha Ellis, widow of W^m., formerly a member of this Lodge, was read, whereupon a committee of B^rs Griffiths and O'Connor were appointed, and ten dollars placed in their hands for her relief.

An application to withdraw was received from Br Robt Pullen.

Dues collected and paid Treasurer, $13

March 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 4 visitors.

A circular petition for charity from B^r McCleary was read, in which he stated he was a cripple and unable to earn his livelihood, and that both he and his wife had been deprived of all they possessed by the cruelty of their Landlord, whereupon it was moved & seconded that as this was an extraordinary case of distress, we ought, notwithstanding the low state of our funds, to appoint a committee, and place five dollars in their hands for the relief of the petitioner, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means of raising a sufficient sum of money to discharge our dues to the Grand Lodge reported, that after some unsuccessful endeavors to obtain a loan on the credit of the Lodge, they authorized B^r^ Anth^y^. Lafitte to collect the outstanding dues, and left it to the Lodge to allow him a reasonable commission for his trouble:—whereupon it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that fifteen per cent. be allowed him on all the money he has collected or may hereafter collect for this Lodge.

April 10, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 17 members & 2 visitors.

B^r^. Bellings petition to withdraw was by his request allowed to lie over till next stated night.

B^r^. Lowth requested the Lodge would be pleased to remit five dollars from the amt. of his dues on his paying the balance as he had from the time he became a member of this Lodge entertained a belief, that all seafaring brethren were subject to half dues only. The Lodge granted B^r^. Lowth's request, but decided at the same time that every member is subject to the same dues agreeably to the 1^st^. section of our By-Laws.

Br Williamson, Resigned

May 8, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 13 visitors.

A communication from the Grand Treasurer directed to the W. M. of Lodge N°. 2 was read by which it appears that the balance now owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge amounts to $250.65 cts.

Br John Goulder, Entered.

June 12, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 9 visitors.

"By dispensation, Br Abm Kerns, a master mason and member of Lodge No 137 Bedford, was passed to the Chair"

"Br Wm Ruff, applied to be recommended to Royal Arch Chapter No 52, which was granted him."

Brs Baker & Webster, Tellers, reported the following Officers Elected. Br Jas McKeage, W. M. Jas Webster, S. W. Isaac H. Griffiths, J. W. Anthony Lafitte, Secty Jos Burden, Treas^{r}. Who were duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, which was sanctioned by the Lodge, to wit: Br V. Conner, S. D. F. Nice, J. D. D. Weyman, M. C. Chas Schneider, Tyler.

July 10, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 9 members & 13 visitors.

B^{r}. Goulder was examined in open Lodge, and found worthy of being passed to the degree of a fellow-craft.

August 14, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 9 members.

"7 members were expelled this evening for non-payment of dues."

September 11, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

"Brs Baker Jr. Ruff, Goulder, Lafitte, and Weyman were appointed a committee to provide a Supper on our next stated night of Meeting, if it can be done with-out drawing upon the funds of the Lodge."

October 9, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 18 visitors.

Br Enoch Carter, Entered

"The annual visitation was made by the following Grand Officers. Br Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. G. M. Br Bayse Newcomb, R. W. S. G. W. Br Joseph Barnes, R. W. J. G. W. Br G. A. Baker, Sen^{r}. R. W. G. Secty Br Rd Bache, R. W. G. Treas^{r}. Br G. A. Baker Jr. Dep G. Secty Br Lambert Keatting, S. G. D. Br Josiah Randall, J. G. D. And Br Entriken, G. Pursuivant."

The R. W. Grand Master then deliverd an address to the Brethren, after which the officers of the Lodge resumed their stations, and the W. M. on behalf of the Lodge returned thanks to the R. W. G. M. and his officers for the honour conferred on the Lodge by this visitation, and the very appropriate and elegant address with which he had favored it.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past nine o'clock.

October 16, 1815.—Special Meeting, 3 O'clock P. M. Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

By dispensation Br James Sanders E. P. R.

Br McKeage, was recommended to Royal Arch Chapter No 52.

November 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 10 visitors.

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity

Br Thos Loller, Entered

The petition of John Lochman for charity, after having lain over for two stated nights, was again read and five dollars were placed in the hands of B^{rs}. Burden, Lafitte & Griffith to be given to the petitioner if found worthy.

December 11, 1815.—Stated Meeting, 5 O'clock P. M. Present 12 members & 15 visitors.

The W. M. informed the Lodge that this stated meeting was convened one hour sooner than it was customary for the purpose of entering, passing & raising by Dispensation M^{r}. Thomas Cameron.

Br Joseph Dudley, Entered

Br Ruff & Baker, Tellers, reported the following Officers Elected Br James McKeage, Re-elected, W. M. Br Anth^{y} Lafitte, S. W. Br Griffiths, J. W. Br Goulder, Secty Br Burden, Treas^{r}.

December 12, 1815.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 6 members & 2 visitors.

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in anct. form at ½ past two o'clock. All who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, the W. M. B^r^. James McKeage was duly installed into office and received the cordial salutations of all the brethren present. The Brethren Master Masons were re-admitted and the Lodge proceeded to install the other Officers-Elect.

The following appointments were made and sanctioned, Viz Br Frederick Nice, S. D. Br Edward Coxe, J. D. Br Wm Curry, S. M. C. Br Luther Barnes, J. M. C.

January 8, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 12 visitors.

The sum of 10 Dollars was granted for Charity

Br Edward Bell, Entered, & Passed

February 12, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 19 members & 22 visitors.

A letter was received and read from M^r^. William Hamilton stating that he had charges against brother Peter George for unmasonic conduct whom he believed to be a member of this lodge & praying that a committee might be appointed to inquire into their nature, which was ordered to lie on the table. On motion B^rs^. Lafitte, Golden & Golder were appointed a committee to enquire whether Peter George is or is not a member of this Lodge.

"Such business as may be necessary will be transacted.

"Brethren will be admitted until a quarter before 12: o'clock.

"At 12 o'clock The Deputy Grand Master Bro. G. M. Dallas will commence his address to the Brethren he having agreed to perform that duty.

"The Grand Secretary will give notice of these arrangements to the Masters of the Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia and they are requested to notify their members to attend.

"The Grand Secretary is empowered to write such sojourning brethren and such other members of the fraternity, who do not at present belong to any lodge in the City and County, as he may deem proper.

"At the Extra Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held Tuesday, June 24th, 1834, Thirty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 10: minutes past Ten o'clock in the morning.

"A number of visiting Brethren were admitted and the number amounting to more than three hundred it was found impossible to collect and record all their names with accuracy.

"The decease of their Brother and Fellow Member, General Lafayette, having been announced to the Grand Lodge. This sad news cast a cloud over the proposed Centennial (?) celebration.

"After proper resolutions had been adopted the Grand Lodge closed and the fraternity proceeded to the Saloon where they were gratified by hearing a very beautiful and instructive masonic address from Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Dep. Grand Master."

Unfortunately none of the Masonic portion of this address has come down to us; an abstract of such past relating to the death of Lafayette is published in the Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.[19]

The above Celebration was held under a misapprehension, the brethren in the absence of such original documents as "Liber B" of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and other contemporary data, assumed that the literature issued and claims made by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were correct; our records dating back to 1730, at that time being unknown both to our brethren and those of Massachusetts, as all of our old Colonial and Revolutionary records saved from the fire in 1819 had been gathered together and packed away in six strong boxes, securely locked and sealed by Brother Bernard Dahlgren, who was Grand Secretary in 1824. These boxes remained for years unknown and forgotten in a seldom used vault, until after the death of R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Nisbet, in 1896, when it occurred to Brother John A. Perry, Deputy Grand Secretary, to open them and investigate their contents, and are now in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[19] Vol. IV, pp. 196–7.

He found that they contained papers dating back to the early years of the XVIII century, which for years had been overlooked and forgotten, but are now carefully collated and indexed, in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, available for the Student of Masonic History.[20]

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 9, 1834.

Members present 8 and three visitors.

Abraham Sink, formerly a member of this lodge, applies for membership.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 14, 1834.

Members present 5.

Bro. Abraham Sink was balloted for and duly elected a member of this lodge.

The resignation of Bro. Wm. Cummings was read and accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 11, 1834.

Members present 4 and one visitor.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting of the Lodge and the consideration of all business contained therein was defered till our next stated meeting and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

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[20] *Cf.* "Old Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, Moderns and Ancients, 1730–1800," by Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1912.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 8, 1834.

Members present 6.

Michael Ruth was relieved with the sum of three dollars by the Charity Committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, October 13th, 1834.

This being the night for the Stated Meeting of the Lodge, most of the officers repaired at different times to the Hall, but at no time a sufficient number to open a Lodge, in consequence it is supposed of this being the night preceding the General Elections throughout the State.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 10, 1834, A. L. 5834.

Members present 8 and four visitors.

Bros. John J. Henry, Charles Cook and John H.

Stilley were severally expelled for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 8 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 8, 1834.

Members present 21 and twenty visitors.

This being the night for election, the Lodge was called off, from labor, and then called on again and the following brethren were elected to serve this Lodge for the coming Masonic Year begining on St. John's Day next.

Bro. William Ashmead, Worshipful Master.
" William Hutton, Senior Warden.
" William Cummings, Junior Warden.
" Samuel Ashmead, Treasurer.
" Daniel Pryor, Secretary.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Signed
DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 12, 1835.

Members Present 9 and three visitors.

The resignation of Bro. Robert Smith was read and accepted.

John G. Duy applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Attest Charles Oat,
Secy Pro Tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 9, 1835.

Members present 7 and seven visitors.

John G. Duy received the first degree in Masonry.

The Resignation of Wm. W. Warr, was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Charles Oat,
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1835.

Members present 7 and four visitors.

Bro. John G. Duy was passed to the degree of a fellow craft Mason.

A Charge of unmasonic conduct was presented against Bro. Daniel Pryor.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 13, 1835.

Members present 7 and eight visitors.

Bro. John G. Duy was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, MAY 11, 1835.

Members present 8 and eleven visitors.

Bro. Daniel Pryor was expelled from the masonic order for Un-Masonic Conduct violating his duty as Secretary of this Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy Pro Tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 8, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 5 and seven visitors.

Jacob Brown applies for initiation.

The Dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy Pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 13, 1835.

Members present 7 and three visitors.

Jacob Brown received the first degree in Masonry.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 10, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 8 and five visitors.

Bro. John Able's resignation was accepted and he was recommended to R. W. Grand Lodge for a G. L. Certificate.

Bro. Daniel Holtz was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 14, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present four and five visitors.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Attest WM W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 12, 1835.

Members present four and two visitors.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock, the minutes of the last Stated Meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 9, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 5 and one visitor.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock, the minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

Attest, WM. W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 14, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 12 and four visitors.

This being the night of the annual election, the Lodge went into an election for Officers, when the following Brethren were duly elected officers for to serve one year beginning on St. John's Day next.

Bro. William Hutton,	Worshipful Master,
" William Cummings,	Senior Warden,
" William P. Attmore,	Junior Warden,
" William Ashmead,	Treasurer,
" Charles Oat,	Secretary,

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock,

Attest, Wm. W. Warr,
Secy pro tem.

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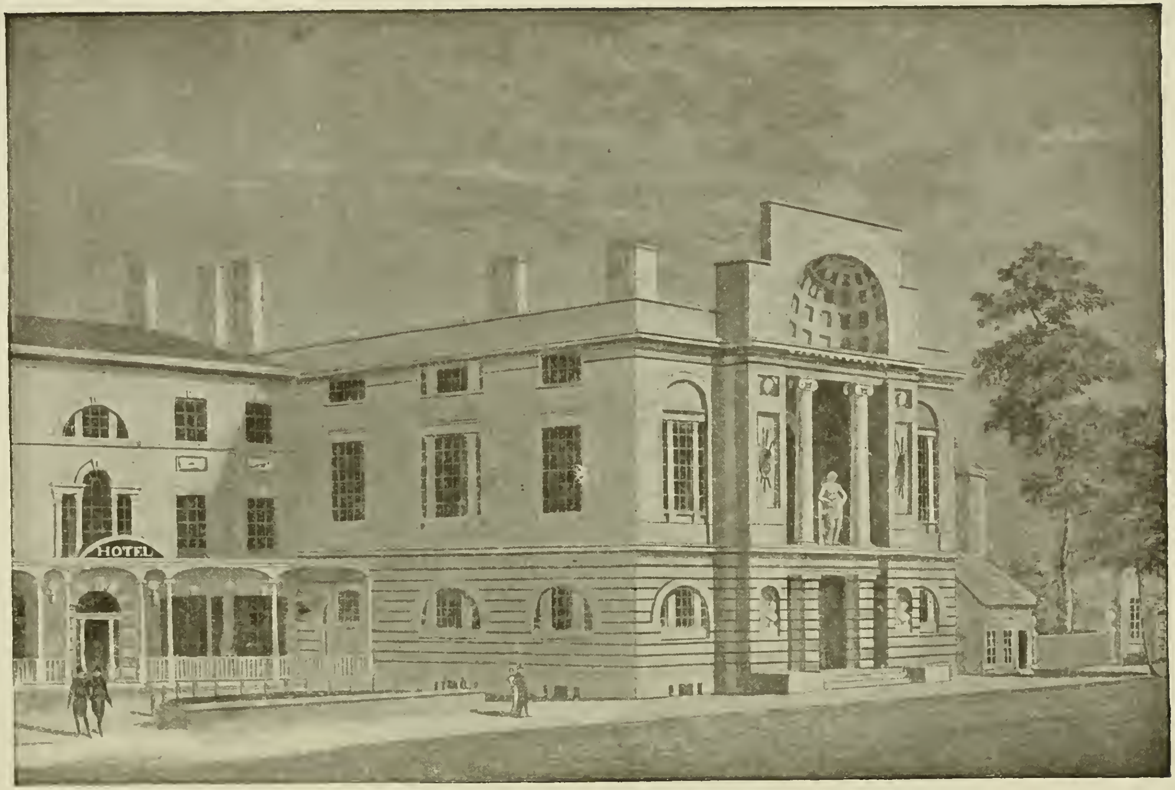

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1835–"THIRD STREET" (WASHINGTON) HALL–1855.

THIRD STREET ABOVE SPRUCE–WEST SIDE.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

WASHINGTON HALL, THIRD STREET ABOVE SPRUCE, 1835–1849.

DURING the third decade of last century their dawned the darkest period for the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania. The tidal wave of anti-masonry had dashed itself against the rock of Freemasonry, and temporarily spread its venomous spray over our fraternity, and by its action winnowing out the weakhearted members who were influenced by denominational, family or political reasons to renounce their feality to the fraternity. It required a strong man to stand up for the faith that was in him at this period. However, before the decade was ended, the tidal wave of anti-masonic fanaticism had spent its fury and resurged into oblivion; leaving the Masonic Fraternity unscathed in the minds of all right thinking people, upheld as it was by the brethren who had stood by the fraternity in the days of trial and tribulation, among whom were some of the most honored and prominent citizens of our State, who were officers and members of our Grand Lodge.

It will be remembered that the Anti-Masonic propaganda from the very beginning had in the hands of scheming men became a great political machine who attempted to use what may be called a popular excitement for their own aggrandizement.

In 1829 the Anti-masonic party nominated Joseph Ritner for Governor of Pennsylvania. He was defeated by Bro. George Wolf. Three years later Ritner was again defeated for the governorship by Bro. Wolf. However, in 1835 he was for the third time proposed by his party and elected Governor of the State.

In 1838 Governor Ritner was for the fourth time proposed for Governor by his party, now called the United Whig party, and made up of Federalists, Anti-Masons and conservative Democrats. He was defeated, and with the election of his successor the anti-masonic party disappeared as a political factor in Pennsylvania because it lacked principles and its allegations were false and untrue.

The baneful effects of the Anti-Masonic crusade however, became more and more manifest in the financial condition of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

At an Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held March 16, 1835, the Committee on Finance made a lengthy report upon the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.[1]

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[1] *Cf.* Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VI, pp. 214–217.

Financial Reports

The committee reported that, according to their calculation, there would be a deficiency at the end of the year 1835 of nine hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Further, that the Committee have observed with Pain and Mortification that their regular Annunciation of the alarming facts, that for several years the Expenses of the Grand Lodge have considerably exceeded their Income has not led to a Correction of the evil. During last year, 1834, the Receipts of the Grand Lodge from the Hall greatly exceeded those of former years. Yet with all this extraordinary Income, there is a deficiency of more than Fifteen Hundred Dollars. That is, the actual expenses of the Institution, counting dues on Interest and the Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler actually exceeded all the Income by that Amount, with that appalling Circumstance in View and the Strong probability that the present and future years will not afford an equal Income for the Hall. Your Committee are also constrained to advert to the financial difficulties of a large number of Subordinate Lodges which, whatever may be the Zeal of their Members, for the honor and Support of the Craft, cannot be supposed to rise Under the Burthens of Debt that now weigh them down. Still less to sustain continued or Increased Taxation, Members who would willingly devote a due portion of time and a moderate degree of their earnings to the Good of the Cause, now withdraw from a responsibility that threatens to Interfere with their higher obligations to their own Families.

While many Members of the Grand Lodge are Content to mark its existence and to desire its prosperity, your Committee have felt it a Solemn Duty carefully to Enquire into and freely to expose the financial Difficulties of the Institution and in addition to their Statement of present embarrassments to add the expression of their Solemn Conviction that in a few years, the Interest upon the existing Debt and the difference between the Actual expenditures and Receipts of the Grand Lodge will so Increase the Debt that the Property of the Institution will be in Eminent Jeopardy.

The Interest of the Debt must be Paid, and the General Expenses of the Grand Lodge can Scarcely be diminished, while to any observer of the Signs of the Times, it must be obvious, that the revenue will be Considerably lessened. The tendency of this course is towards Bankruptcy and Dissolution, Strengthened by the Certainty not previously adverted to, Viz: that in about 5 Years the Law exempting our Real Estate from Taxation will expire and we can scarcely entertain a Hope of its renewal.

Your Committee are aware that Brethren have Suggested as an expediency of Profit, the Erection of Buildings in Front of the Hall. Something indeed might be added to the revenue by such a Measure, but the Debt would also be greatly Increased, while it is evident to the Committee that the deficiency in the Revenue would not be supplied as soon as Taxation upon all the Buildings Commenced, and your Committee respectfully but earnestly caution the Grand Lodge against any further Building Speculations. Your Committee have not confined their Enquiries to the extent of existing difficulties, or the impracticability of Certain Plans of Removing the embarrassments, but have felt it a part of their Duty to Suggest to the Grand Lodge a means of escape from the evils which threaten it, and they respectfully offer for Consideration a Plan which if not the only efficient one, is in their opinion the best that in present Circumstances can be devised; it is as follows:

Sell the Estate, Pay the Debts and from the Balance Purchase a Hall amply large for all the purposes of Masonry and the remainder will be a Fund for Charity the True object of our order.

The Particulars of the Plan Suggested are as follows, Viz: The Lot and Hall is Worth from $105 to 115.000 dollars,

say	110.000	
Sinking Fund,	5.635	
		115.635
Debt due by		
Grand Lodge,	66.000	
Purchase of New Property,	23.000	
Repairs and Alterations necessary to New Property at the extent not more than,	66.35	
		95.635
	Dollars,	20.000

This leaving a Fund of Twenty thousand Dollars to be applied to Charitable Purposes, or in the ordinary Expenses of the Grand Lodge and this without reference to the usual incomes of Rent if any, and the Dues of Subordinate Lodges.

The Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars left to the Grand Lodge by our late Worthy Brother Girard will soon Amount to Thirty Thousand by the Regular addition of Interest to the principal, when that too will become a Charity Fund, nor is your Committee satisfied that the General Charity Fund may not be applied to swell that Sum Immediately to the required Amount.

Your Committee have referred to the Cost of another Hall as being about $23,000. They have not spoken without due Enquiry. A Building eligibly situated of Sufficient Capacity for all the Masonic Bodies in the City, they have reason to believe, may be had for that Sum and $6635 more will be required to prepare the Interior for the particular Convenience of Masonry.

Your Committee in the above Estimates of the Value of the Property of the Grand Lodge did not take into account the Policy of Insurance on the Present Building $1500, which can be converted
into Cash by allowing 5 pr. Cent., ... 1425.00
Present Charity Fund about, ... 2000.00

making three thousand, four Hundred and Twenty five Dollars and they have also overlooked the Amount which may be due from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee have Carefully set before the Grand Lodge the present state of its Financial Affairs and the prospects under existing regulations. They have also proposed an efficient remedy for existing difficulties and a prevention of Future similar troubles. The situation of the Grand Lodge is alarming to every Friend of the Order and Ruin to the Craft seems to be inevitable if no Remedy is adopted. The Plan which your Committee proposes, relinquishes none of the high Standing of the order; it frees us from Debt, furnishes us with a Beautiful Building, releases the Subordinate Lodges from existing enthralment and future heavy taxation, encourages the Craft in regular attendance, insures Prosperity by opening the Door to Membership, renews the affection and fealty of Country Lodges to the Grand Lodge, Gives to each Lodge a Means of Charity and Places at the disposal of the Grand Lodge a Magnificent Sum from the Interest of which, the Wants of a distressed Worthy Brother, his Widow or his Orphans may be Amply Supplied and thus the great object of our order be fully attained.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Signed S. WONDERLY.
JOSH. R. CHANDLER.
S. M. STEWART.
J. W. DICKSON.

Philada., March 11th, 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The following report from the Grand Committee of Twenty-One was then read with the accompanying documents:[2]

To the Right Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Twenty One Appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication to take into Consideration and Report the most feasible means of relieving the pecuniary Concerns of the Grand Lodge, respectfully make Report as follows:

Having assembled early after their appointment the Committee Caused to be prepared a Comprehensive and distinct Statement of the Property, the Debts, the Resources, and the Expenditures of the Grand Lodge together with a View of the Condition of the Girard Legacy, this Document is herewith Communicated.

It would appear that the Property of the Grand Lodge of every description, real and Personal, may be reasonably estimated at	$131.362.50
that the funded and Miscellaneous Debts actually amount to	66.258.83
leaving an access of estimated Property of	$65.103.67
This, as available Property, is of course exclusive of the Trust Property of the Grand Lodge applicable only to fixed and special purposes, to wit, The Charity Fund, and the Girard Legacy, and the Trust Property being added,	23.398.26
Swells the aggregate excess of Property over Indebtedness to,	$88.501.93

This excess of substantial Capital contrasts most Unfavorably with the Annual resources and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and exhibits a large Investment in Real Estate worse than wholly unproductive.

The estimated annual Payments of the G. L. are,	5,995.52
And the estimated Receipts applicable to their Payments are,	4,683.00
Shewing (notwithstanding the excess of Property over Debt) an annual deficiency of,	$1.312.52

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[2] *Cf. ibid.*, p. 222.

This waste of Capital and this regular annual deficiency seem to your Committee alike Unwise and Perilous. If allowed to operate a few years longer, the Mischief may become Irremediable, and any diminution in the present value of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge arising from Public or Accidental Causes, would hasten a most embarrassing and disgraceful, if not fatal Catastrophe, to the Financial Concerns and Character of the Order. While we have it yet in our Power it would seem to be our Duty to bring our excess of Property into active Usefulness, to prevent the possibility of our Annually Sinking deeper and deeper in Debt, and to place the Paramount objects of Masonic Charity, Justice and Integrity beyond all Hazard, difficulty or Doubt.

Under these impressions, your Committee have reviewed certain Projects for Financial relief which have heretofore been Suggested.

1st. It is thought by some that the Revenues of the Grand Lodge might be considerably augmented if Stores or other Buildings fit to be Rented out were erected on the Lot in front of the Hall.

To carry this Plan into execution, it would be necessary to Borrow a Considerable Sum of Money, and any additional Debt would seem Imprudent. The expedient might fail, the Income from the newly Constructed Buildings might fall short of what would seem just now to be reasonably expected. The erection of these Buildings in Front would probably Injuriously affect the occupation and receipts of the Hall itself. The Sum expended on them would add little or nothing to the Value of the entire Property in case a Sale should be ultimately determined upon.

If it be Calmly remembered that the act of assembly exempting this Hall from Taxation will expire in less than Five Years and that an annual demand not less than $1000 will then be added to our present expenses, that to the existing amount of Annual deficiency will be superadded the Interest on the Sum to be Borrowed for the Construction of the proposed Buildings and that their productiveness would be Subject to the usual uncertainties of Rents and other Contingents; it is believed that the Fraternity will generally Coincide with the Committee in rejecting the Project as Inexpedient and Hazardous.

2d. The Sale of the Real Estate occupied by the Grand Lodge and the Purchase of another Lot and Edifice much less expensive, is the only other Plan which has been presented to the consideration of the Committee and this they are inclined to believe may be most advantageously and usefully Carried into Execution.

It is certainly true that a Transfer of the Labors of the Order from this Hall to any other will be made with Regret. Erected and Consecrated at a Period of great Masonic Prosperity and expectation, we have clung to it with Natural Pride, and have lavished upon it more of our affections and our means than experience and Prudence can Justify. If we Quit it, let us take Consolation from the reflection that in doing so we return to the practice of fundamental Principles, that as we throw off the Vestments of Splendor we resume the Beauty and Purity of Benevolence and are accompanied by the ennobling consciousness of absolute Independence. The Sale of this Property will enable us to extinguish every shackle of Debt, to purchase an equally convenient, more appropriate though perhaps less Imposing Temple, and at once to command and to accumulate a large and effective Fund for the exalted purpose of Charity. These are Results within the Immediate reach of the Grand Lodge, and towards which the Judgment and Feelings of your Committee are Irresistably Impelled.

Abstaining from a Detail as to the Various modes by which the plan may be effected, a Detail whose publicity might in some Degree affect the Interests of the Grand Lodge, the Committee Tender the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to ascertain what Price can be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge, and to Receive proposals for the Sale of a Suitable Building for its accommodation to Report to the Grand Lodge at its next Meeting.

Philad^a., March 16^th, 1835.

Signed. G. M. DALLAS,
G. M.
Chairman of the Com.

Attest. SAM^L. M. STEWART,
Secretary.

The above Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded Adopted, and R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Committee Bros. Josh. R. Chandler, Josh. S. Riley, Cornelius Stevenson, Wm. Stephens and Mark Richards.

April 6.—A specific Proposal was received from the Franklin Institute to the following effect: To give for the Masonic Hall and the Land, the Sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars in Cash and the Hall of the Institute in Seventh Street, occupying 60 feet in front and about 100 feet in depth. This offer was made upon the understanding that another Proposal could be proffered in a few days which would not include, of necessity, the offer of their own Hall.

The Committee offer the following Resolution: Resolved, That a Committee be appointed with Power to Sell the Masonic Hall and Lot at a Price not less than One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, and that they be authorized to advertize the Premises for Sale, provided that in their Opinion it should be Deemed necessary and expedient.

May 4.—The Committee made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Duty of ascertaining what sum could be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and at what Price another Suitable Hall could be Purchased, beg leave to Report.

That they have Received from the Directors of the Philadelphia Museum an offer of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars on the Condition that the Grand Lodge would continue to occupy or hire the parts of the Hall now used for Masonic Purposes with the exception of the Chapter Room, at a yearly Rent of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

The Committee have also received from the Trustees or Executive Committee of the Franklin Institute an offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars without any Conditions, subject however to the approval of the Institute.

Brother Robert Kid Continues his offer of the Washington Hall for Twenty four Thousand Dollars.

May 18.—The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of ascertaining what sum could be obtained for the real estate of the Grand Lodge and on what terms another Hall could be obtained, reported that they have received several offers and conferred with other Gentlemen as to the means to be pursued for Obtaining the full Value of the property for Sale, and they have been advised to offer the whole for Sale at Public Auction and they respectfully ask advice from the Grand Lodge on this subject.

On Motion, made and seconded, the above Committee was Continued, and that it was further Invested with power to purchase the Washington Hall, for a Sum not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars Subject to the Sale of the Masonic Hall.

June 1, 1835.—The Committee reported "That they have purchased the Washington Hall in conformity with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge at the price of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.

Following is a description of Washington Hall on the west side of Third Street above Spruce Street, as it originally was when purchased, prior to its alteration for Masonic uses by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The plan of the Washington Hall was a parallelogram, 73 feet in front, by 138 feet 9 inches deep. The elevation presented one principal story, raised upon a high, rustick basement. The facade on Third Street was distinguished by a grand niche of 22 feet diameter sweeping into the building, on the principal floor, fronted by a screen of columns of the Greek Ionick character, surmounted by their entablature, over which sprung from a blocking course, a semicircular arch, equal in diameter to the niche. In this great niche, a statue of Washington was placed; and behind were smaller niches to receive those of Penn and Hamilton. Over these are tablets of decoration, and a pannelled canopy crowns the whole. On the blocking over the entablature, in front of this canopy, an Eagle is represented decending with a wreath of victory, below this niche, on the basement story, a recess, fronted by rustick pillars opens an entrance into the building. On each side of this recess was a small niche for Busts, over which, in the principal story, and above the entablature, were tablets of trophies. These central decorations occupyed a space of 38 feet on the plan, projecting four feet before the interiour parts of the building, and rising to the height of the main cornice, and were pierced in each story with a single window of large dimensions. The centre building being elevated by the great arch of the niche, steped back in blocking over the arch. The return of the building to the Washington Hall Hotel, carried the same character of finish as the front, and the whole was enclosed from the street by an iron pallisade.

To enter the building you ascended a low flight of marble steps, through the recess in front, and passed into a circular vestibule, twenty six feet in diameter, crowned by a dome. On the right was the principal staircase; on the left a door lead into an office or committee room, twenty feet by eighteen; in front, an arch way opened into a passage extending the whole depth of the building, and on each side of this arch corresponding apertures lead, the one on the left to a suite of rooms, adjoining to, and opening into the Hotel; that on the right to the banqueting room, which was 117 feet in length, by 30 feet in width, circled at each end, the walls being pierced on one side by windows, and on the other by great folding doors, which, opening across the passage meet corresponding doors opening from the opposite rooms, thus forming a suite of apartments capable of containing 3,000 persons. Two communications were also made with the adjoining Hotel. The walls of the great banqueting room were decorated with pilasters and niches, and the ceiling groined in the centre, and niched at each end. A musick gallery was erected just over the entrance from the vestibule.

Ascending the principal stairs, you landed in a second vestibule. The stairs continued up to the galleries. On the left of this vestibule a large window, descending to the floor, opened into the great niche.

At the end of the vestibule a door lead into a committee room, 18 feet by 20; and turning to the right, you entered, through a large folding door, into the grand saloon. This room, which was particularly appropriated to the meetings of the Society, was one hundred and twenty feet long, and nearly seventy feet wide, encircled by a double colonade supporting and screening galleries. Above the entablature of the upper columns, sprung a vaulted ceiling of 45 feet in diameter. This vault was niched at the end next to the entrance, and the circle was continued down to the floor, opened at the angles by recesses, and fronted by columns. The whole height of the saloon was 45 feet. The columns composing the colonade were Greek Ionick below. Over its entablature ran a dwarf balustrading, enclosing the galleries. Above this was a colonade of Attick columns. The rostrum and president's chair were placed a little in front of the musick gallery at the west end, and on each side were disposed the seats of the other officers of the Society.

The Saloon was capable of containing 4,000 persons with perfect convenience, and if crowded, from 5,000 to 6,000 including the galleries. The floor between the columns was so constructed as, by means of screws and other machinery, to be rendered elastic for the accommodation of dancing assemblies; and when used for this purpose the drapery curtains which are proposed as decorations between the columns, being dropped, the space behind them thus rendered private, could be appropriated as a green room, promanade, &c., for such as do not dance.

The roof of this building was designed and executed by Mr. Justus, the Master Builder, was constructed in such a manner as to have all its weight thrown perpendicularly upon the outer walls, so that no part of it bears upon the columns within; consequently the floor of the Grand Saloon carried simply its own weight and part of that of the surrounding galleries, each of the columns of which rested upon the key wedge of one of the girders.

July 6.—Plans were submitted for alterations in the Washington Hall to adapt the building for the requirements of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Bodies. It was suggested that the south room on the lower floor be used as a Banquetting Room, while the smaller Apartments would furnish excellent Committee Rooms, Furniture Rooms, &c. One of them could with slight Alterations be put to some Valuable Masonic Purpose; while the Grand Salon was to be divided into two Halls, the larger of which was for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The alterations to the New Hall were commenced without delay, and so rapid was the progress during the summer and autumn that the building was ready for dedication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27, 1835.

Elaborate plans were made for the consecration of the New Building, one of the suggestions made was that the Grand and Subordinate Lodges proceed to take possession of their new hall by a public procession. After several meetings of the representatives of the different city lodges and the Grand Officers, it was decided against any public procession evidently owing to the Anti-masonic agitation and feeling still in the community at that time.

The final arrangements for the dedication were made December 14, 1835, by the following Committee appointed by the Grand Master:

Bro.	L. Keating,	of	No.	2
"	C. McCaraher,	"	"	3
"	W. B. Watson,	"	"	9
"	E. S. Gandy	"	"	59
"	Chas. Stout,	"	"	67
"	J. A. Philips,	"	"	71
"	W. Mayweg,	"	"	125

Bro. F. Cooper of No. 130
" A. Mason, " " 158.

On Monday, December 28, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met in Annual Grand Communication in the New Hall on Third Street.

There were present:

Bro. GEORGE M. DALLAS, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Dep$^{y.}$ Gr. Master.
" John M. Read, " Sen$^{r.}$ Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins, " Jun$^{r.}$ Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Ge$^{o.}$ S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, " Marshal.
" Joseph S. Riley, Sen$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon.
" W$^{m.}$ Stephens, Jun$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon.
" J. A. Phillips, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant, P. T.
" Ge$^{o.}$ C. Potts, R. Piggott and W. T. Sproale, Grand Chaplains.
P. G. M. Bro. B. Newcomb.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at ½ Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Grand Secretary Stated, that the Architect had Compleated the Hall, and was desirous of surrendering up the Implements of Architecture which had been Committed to his Care when he Commenced the Undertaking.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler on behalf of the Architect and Committee of Superintendence Addressed the Grand Master, Returned Thanks for the Honor Conferred on him, and the Brethren Composing the Committee and after a very Beautiful and Impressive Speech on the Purity and Benevolence of the order, expressed a Hope that the manner in which the Work had been executed would Meet the Approbation of the R. W. Grand Master and of the Fraternity, and requested Permission to deliver up the Implements of Architecture.

The R. W. Grand Master then expressed his high Approbation of the Conduct of the Architect and of the Committee of Superintendence, directed the Grand Wardens to receive the Implements which was done, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary informed the R. W. Grand Master, that it was the wish of the Fraternity to have the Hall dedicated to the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry.

The R. W. Grand Master thereupon Commanded his Grand Officers, and requested the R. W. Past Grand Officers to assist in that Solemnity.

A Dedication Prayer was then offered up by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a Procession round the Lodge three Times formed and Conducted by the Grand Marshal in the following Order, Viz:

Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Grand Master
" " Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Senior and Junior Wardens.
" Treasurer and Secretary.
Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Sen^r. and Jun^r. Deacons.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Pursuivant.

at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Strewing Corn over the Lodge declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge three times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Virtue and to Science, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three Times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Oil on the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given as before.

A Consecration Prayer was then offered up by One of the Grand Chaplains and the R. W. Grand Master returned to Solomons Chair.

During the Ceremony of Dedication the following Odes were Sung by Several of the Brethren.

First Ode.

Hail! Masonry Divine!
Glory of Ages Shine! &c.

Second Ode.

Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science,
Which to Discord bids Defiance; &c.

Third Ode.

When Earth's Foundation first was laid
By the Almighty Artist's Hand, &c.

Praise the Grand Master.
A Masonic Canon for Four Voices, Composed
by Doct$^{r.}$ G. R. Jackson.
"Praise the Grand Master of the Universal Lodge."

The R. W. Grand Master Bro. George M. Dallas, then addressed by the Grand Lodge in a Strain of Solmn Eloquence, in which he most feelingly referred to the Embarrassing situation in which the Enemies of Free Masonry had placed the Order. He called upon the Brethren to Suppress all Feelings of Unkindness, to Hush all Animosities towards Opponents and to remember that the Ceremonies which they had just Witnessed were no Idle Pageants, that the dedication of the Hall to "Universal Benevolence" shewed that in our good Feelings all Mankind were Concerned, while we as Masons Carefully adhered to the Duties we had Assumed, that we were not to overlook the fact that Love to God and obedience to the Laws of the Land were Part and Parcel of the Duties which Masons owe each other and which Masonry Solemnly and Invariably Inculcates upon her Children.

On Motion of Bro. John M. Read and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Master for the Eloquent, Able and Dignified Address just delivered by him to the Fraternity assembled on this Solemn yet Gratifying occasion.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph R. Chandler and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to Bro$^{r.}$ James Howard, an Invited Brother, Bro. Dickson of N$^{o.}$ 114, Bro$^{r.}$ Knight and Liner of N$^{o.}$ 187 and Bro$^{s.}$ W. and S. Ashmead of N$^{o.}$ 2, who by their

Musical Talents, added so much to the Beauty, Harmony and Solemnity of the Present Occasion.

On Motion of Bro. P.. G. Master Newcomb and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the Committee on Purchase and Sale Under whose Superintendence this Hall has been so admirably adapted to Masonic Purposes.

On Motion of Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby Tendered to our reverend Brethren Geo. C. Potts, Rob$^{t.}$ Piggott, W. T. Sprole and Norman Nash for their assistance in the Solemnities of Dedication.

The first Meeting of Lodge No. 2 to be held in the New Hall on South Third Street was the

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.
Philadelphia, January 11, 1836.

Members Present.

Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.
" Wm. P. Attmore, J. W.
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.
" Wm. W. Warr, Secy, p. t.
" E. Hall.

George F. Lewis, applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

WM. W. WARR.
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 8, 1836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Bro. C. Baker,	No. 67
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	" Jas. Bowles,	No. 130
Wm. P. Attmore, J. W.	" Ross B. Arey,	" 131
Wm. Ashmead, Secy, p. t.	" J. R. Tatem,	" 91
Jas. McDonald.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock.

The Secretary being absent with the necessary Books & papers, and no other business being before the Lodge, the dues were collected amounting to $6.50 and the Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

Signed Wm. Ashmead,
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 14, 1836.

Members present 11 and 30 visitors.

Thomas Shillingford was entered, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

George F. Lewis was balloted for and approved.

Peir Price applies for initiation.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge was received embracing the names of the G. Officers and the following Resolutions.

Resolved: Unanimously, That the secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to balance the accounts of all the Lodges in arrears to the G. Lodge up to the 27th, December 1834, by profit & Loss. And that he be further instructed to inform them, viz: those in the city and county of Philadelphia to render their returns and pay up their dues for the year 1835, on or before the first, day of june next, and those out of the city and county of Philadelphia, by the first day of September next.

WHEREAS: owing to circumstances, many of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have been obliged to suspend their labours for several years past, and have not held their Annual Election in December last.

Therefore Resolved Unanimously, That leave be, and it is hereby granted to all such Lodges, to re organize and elect their officers, provided they find themselves in a situation to comply with the terms of the above resolution.

Extract from the minutes,

Philadelphia, March 14th, 1836.

Signed, SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary,

On motion Bro. Shillingford was recommended to the Grand Lodge for a Grand Lodge Certificate.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Attest, CHARLES OAT,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Edw. Haydock,	131
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Geo. Smith,	181
" Geo. Smith, J. W. p. t.	Lewis Way,	114
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.	Jno. Lane,	186
	Jas. Hickey,	187
	J. W. Nesbit,	51
	Aaron Waters,	72

Pier Price was balloted for and approved.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	T. S. Manning,	91
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.	J. W. Nesbit,	51
" J. W. Nesbit, J. W. p. t.	T. Jeffries,	43
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.	J. B. Wood,	64
	H. B. Smith,	Boston

Mr. Pier Price received the first degree in masonry.

Bro. H. P. Smith was relieved with the sum of five dollars, by the aid of the members present.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Secy P/T.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 13, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	T. S. Manning,	91
" Cummings, S. W.	— Lyndall,	186
Lambert Keating, J. W. p. t.		
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

The Minutes of the Stated Meetings of April and May were severally read and on motion were adopted.

The Dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Attest, WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy Pt. T.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 11, 1836, A. L. 5836

Members Present.

Wm. Hutton, W. M.
Wm. Cummings, S. W.
John Thompson, J. W. p. t.
Pier Price.
Lambert Keating.

Bro. Pier Price was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The dues were collected and the Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ O'clock.

Attest, WM. CUMMINGS,
Secy. P. T.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1836.

This being the night for the stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, a few of the members repaired to the Hall, but not enough to open a Lodge owing (it is presumed) to the excessive warm weather.

Wm. Ashmead,
Secy Pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Bro. Wm. H. Adams,	59
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	T. McGill,	9
Wm. H. Adams, J. W. p. t.	J. N. Devenport,	59
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		
Chas. Oat, Secy.		

The R. W. G Master of the G. Lodge accompanied by his G. Officers made an official visit to this Lodge when the G. Sec. mad ethe following report:—That he has examined the minutes of Lodge No. 2, from the period of the last Grand Visitation in December 1832, to the meeting in July 1836, inclusive, and found them to be kept with exceeding neatness and accuracy.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

copied by Bro. Signed, Charles Oat,
Wm. Ashmead, *secy.*
secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Theo. Norville	Louisiana, No. 32
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Wm. Brown,	Columbia, Mass.
Theo. Norvill, J. W. p. t.	D. B. McGord,	No. 82
Pier Price.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

The Sec. being absent the Minutes of the last stated meeting was not read.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 14, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	I. Hickey,	No. 187
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	— Chambers,	" 91
— Chambers, J. W. p. t.	C. C. Williams,	Camden
	Robt. McGrath,	"

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and on motion adopted. There being no further business.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Signed, James Hickey,
Secy p. t.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 12, 1836, A. L. 5836.

This being the night of the anual election, The Lodge went into an election for officers when the following Brethren were duly elected officers of this Lodge to serve for one year from St. Johns Day next,

Bro. Wm. Cummings,	Worshipful Master,
" Wm. Hutton,	Senior Warden,
" Joseph M. Douglass,	Junior Warden,
" Wm. Ashmead,	Sec. &
" Samuel Ashmead,	Treasurer.

Bro. Jno H. Reinert was relieved with the sum of $4.25 a voluntary contribution taken up from the members present.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Secy pro tem.

THE year 1837 did not open auspiciously for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Chestnut Street Hall had been sold by the Grand Lodge to the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, the consideration being $110,550; divided into five periods of payment, as shown by the original draft in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.[3]

$15.000	Upon the execution of the Deed				Secured by Bond & Mortgage in the usual way on the premises
20.000	payable	1	January	1836	
25.183.34	do	1	“	1838	
25.183.33	“	1	“	1840	
25.183.33	“	1	“	1842	
110.550	Dolls. at 5 per ct. per annum.				

With privilege to the Franklin Institute to anticipate the payment of the whole or any part of it before those days, in installments of not less than five thousand dollars, on giving thirty days' notice; and guarantee to be given by the Grand Lodge against any outstanding incumbrances which cannot be satisfied at once.

Possession of the entire building and premises annexed to be delivered to the Franklin Institute by the Grand Lodge on the first day of March, 1st of April or 1st of May, 1836, as the Grand Lodge may prefer.[4]

Early in the year 1837 a commercial panic swept over the land.

The great benefits which were expected to follow the chartering of the United States Bank as a state institu-

[3] Vol. G. L., XIV, folio 19.

[4] For full report see Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VI, pp. 273–274.

tion were not realized. The banks which had expanded their issues were drawing them in, greatly to the annoyance and distress of many of their debtors.

Over-importation of foreign goods caused heavy exportation of coin to Europe. Under all the circumstances business failures were made frequent. Trade was dull. Thousands of persons were out of employment, and the collection of debts was a difficult matter. The banks stood up against these obstacles until the eleventh of May, when the banks of Philadelphia suspended, and they were followed in that action by the banks all over the country.

Within two days notes of twenty-five and fifty cents and upwards printed in blue ink, were issued by the city and immediately went into circulation, passing from hand to hand as coin might do. The example of the city was followed with little delay by other corporations and institutions, who took occasion of the public necessity to put into circulation notes of five, six and a quarter, ten and twelve and a half-cents and upwards. Specie retired entirely from circulation, being a matter of purchase and sale by brokers. Even the old red cent became scarce. Distressing consequences followed the bank suspensions. In Philadelphia there were insolvencies and general suffering, rents went down, wages were reduced, prices fell, and the injury was universal.

The management of the Franklin Institute was also caught in the financial panic and found it difficult to raise the necessary current funds to pay the accrued interest on the mortgages. In this extremity they followed the course of the city and other institutions by issuing notes of a dollar and fractions thereof, or so-called shinplasters, for the specific purpose of purchasing the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street. Copies of the 12½ cent (or Levy note)[5] and quarter of a dollar are here presented in fac-simile as will be seen they were made ''payable at the Hall of the Institute one year after date with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per Annum and being part of a loan for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia.''

Following is the schedule of prices for the rooms while the Chestnut Street Hall was in the possession of the Franklin Institute.[6]

The rooms on the first floor of the Masonic Hall Rent as follows, viz:—

Saloon for Month Rent	$150.00
Gas for Do varies from 50 to	150.00
Banq^{t} Room Rent for month,	75.00
Gas for do varies from 12 to	50
N. W. room Rent for month	75
No Gas pipes in this room	
S. E. Front Room Rent for M^{o}	50

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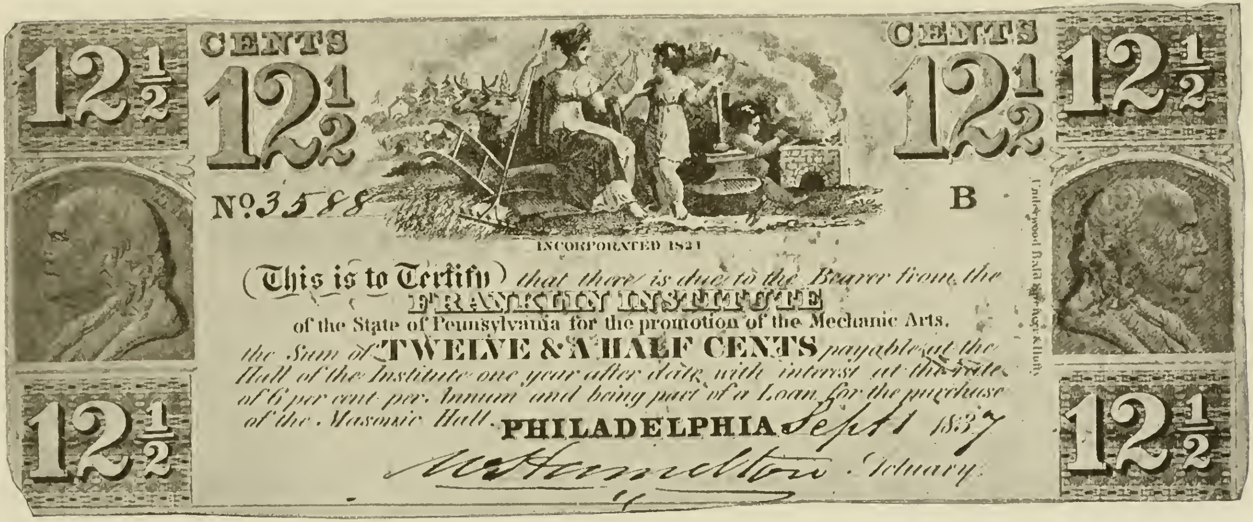
[5] Levy twelve and half-cents, formerly a Spanish real current in the United States, nominally worth 12½ cents, but passing for eleven pence also known as a eleven penny bit.

The six and a quarter cent Shinplasters were known as ''fippenney bits'' after a Spanish or Mexican silver coin worth 6¼ cents, current in the United States at that time. Specimens in the Grand Lodge Library.

[6] Mss., Vol. G. L., XIV.



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(This is to Certify) that there is due to the Bearer from the **FRANKLIN INSTITUTE** of the State of Pennsylvania for the promotion of the Mechanic Arts, the Sum of **TWELVE & A HALF CENTS** payable at the Hall of the Institute one year after date, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per Annum and being part of a Loan for the purchase of the Masonic Hall. **PHILADELPHIA** Sept 1 1837

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"SHINPLASTER" FRACTIONAL NOTE ISSUED BY THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE IN 1837, AS PART OF A LOAN TO PURCHASE THE MASONIC HALL.

Gas varies from 8 to	20
Ladies Room Rent for Mo.	40
Gas varies would not exced.	10

The nature of the exhibition is everything to determine the quantity of Gas.

For casual purposes such as Balls, Dinners, Fairs, Concerts and a variety of other things which offer much more can be realised.

For instance the Catholic fair about opening for one week will bring rent $150.

Probable Am^{t} of Gas 100

A Ball brings in according to kind of party from $70 to $120—

A Dinner from $60— to $90—

The Rooms up stairs if the Grand Lodge was out could no doubt be rented to advantage for a variety of exhibitions, and would bring in a considerable revenue when rented.

All efforts of the Franklin Institute to meet the necessary payments and interest failed under the stress of the times, and ultimately ended by the Grand Lodge regaining possession of the Chestnut Street property in 1842.

The financial panic of the year 1837, also had a sinister effect upon our Grand Lodge; as many of the Subordinate Lodges owing to the financial crisis and the anti-Masonic agitation throughout the state were unable to meet their obligations to the Grand Lodge, and in many cases surrendered their Warrants; even Lodge No. 2, the oldest Lodge in the state for a time considered the surrendering of the Warrant.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 9, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Thos. R. Femyington,	91
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	John Easly,	130
Thos. R. Femyington, J. W. p. t.		
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		
J. M. Douglass,		
Saml. Ashmead,		

The Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock.

The Minutes of Last stated Meeting read and approved.

The E. A. L. closed and the M. M. Lodge opened.

The resignation of Bro. Joseph M. Douglass was received and on motion it was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 13, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M. p. t.	Jno. W. Nesbitt,	51
Wm. Ashmead, Secy.	Jno. Welsh,	186
Jos. Burdin.	Chas. Eagan,	186

The Minutes of last stated meeting read and approved.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 13, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Adams, W. M. p. t.	Bro. Wm. Adams,	51
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Enos S. Gandy,	51
Enos S. Gandy, J. W. p. t.	Chalkly Baker,	67
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	Theo. Smith,	67
Sam. Ashmead, Treas.	France Mahan,	91
Chas. Oat,	Jno. Fuller,	91
Wm. Hutton,	Jno. Bradley,	91
Jos. Burden,	Simon H. Spier,	187
Jno. Keigler,	Chas. Schneider,	71

Jno. Weigler was entered, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Chas. Oat withdrew his petition for resignation.

Dues collected amounted to Fifty Dollars, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 10, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.

Wm. Cummings, W. M.
Jos. Burden, S. W. p. t.
T. S. Manning, J. W. p. t.
Wm. Ashmead, Secy.

An E. A Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Lodg eclosed in harmony at 8½ O'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitor.*
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	R. R. Moore, G. Treas.
R. R. Moore, S. W. p. t.	
Wm. P. Attmore, J. W. p. t.	
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	

The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Dues were collected and the Lodge closed in harmony at 8¼ o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 12, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	S. M. Stuart,	G. S.
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	L. Fuller,	G. C.
Geo. Carter, J. W. p. t.	Geo. Carter,	No. 3
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	Wm. Whitney,	No. 51
	Saml. Brown, St. John.	N. B.
	Phillip Collins,	No. 3

An E. A. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8½ O'clock

The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ before 9 o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Sec.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 10, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Wm. Barger,	No. 72
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	Robt. McGrath,	" 72
Geo. Carter, J. W. p. t.	F. I. Fritzgerald,	91
	Wm. J. Vanderbee,	187
	Sol. Cook,	187
	Saml. Yarger,	62
	J. M. Davenport,	59
	Geo. Carter,	3

An Entered A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The resignation of Bro. Wm. Hutton was read and accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Signed, Wm. Barger,
Sec. P. T.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 11, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Robt. McCulloch,	52
Robt. McCulloch, S. W. p. t.	Pat. Dorff,	52

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Jos. Burden, J. W. p. t.	Davis Sinn,	158
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	J. H. Rhinard,	71
Louis Lowry,	Danl. L. Engleman,	187
Jas. McDonald,	T. S. Manning,	91
Wm. Hutton,	Enos S. Gandy,	59
Saml. Ashmead,	J. D. Moore,	158
Jno. Douglass,	W. H. Adams,	59
Levi, Lingo,		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock.

This being the night of the Annual election, The Lodge went into an election for Officers, when the following Brethren were duly elected officers of the lodge to serve for one year from St. John's day next,

Bro. Wm. Cummings, W. M.
" Saml. Ashmead, S. W.
" James McDonald, J. W.
Wm Ashmead, Sec.
Joseph Burden, Treas.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

Wm. Ashmead,
Sec.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 12, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members present Five and One Visitor.

The Minutes of stated meeting of Dec. 11, 1837, was read and adopted.

No Lodge has been opened since that time until this evening.

On Motion it was resolved that the Sec. be directed to furnish a list of the members acpt. & that each Bro.

be notified to attend a special meeting of this lodge for the purpose of acting on the following resolution.

Resolved.—That it is expedient for this Lodge to surrender its warrant.

That Bros. Wm. Cummings, Wm Ashmead and Saml. Ashmead be a com. to receive and collect the dues from the members of this lodge and also to report at the next stated meeting, such members, as they believe deserve expulsion, for none payment.

Resolved.—That the sec. be directed to furnish a list of its members and the acp. of each member of this Lodge.

Resolved.—That the proper officers of this Lodge make an inventory of the property thereof, and surrender the same, with the funds of the Lodge and its Warrant, to the R. W. G. Lodge.

COPY OF PRINTED NOTICE.

Philadelphia, Apl. 4, 1838

Brother

You are requested to meet the brethren of Lodge No. 2 at Masonic Hall, Third Street, on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock, when a proposition to surrender the warrant to the Grand Lodge will be determined.

By Order of the W. M.

WM. ASHMEAD, *Secretary.*

N.B. Your Dues are $——— which if not paid on the next meeting, or some satisfactory reasons for not paying—you will be suspended.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD, *Secretary.*

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 9, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.

Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.
“ L. Keating, S. W. P. T.
“ Jno. Collins, J. W. P. T.
“ Joseph Burden,
“ Robt. Davis,
“ Danl. Hotz,
“ Wm P. Altmore,
“ Wm Ashmead,
“ Jno. Douglass,

Visitors.

Bro. Jno. Collins,
“ Jno. Bradley,
“ Wm. M. Martin,
“ Geo. F. Hailor (late)
“ T. S. Manning.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge, after much discussion was postponed until our next stated meeting.

A Bill from Bro. T. S. Manning for printing circular notices amounting to One Dollar was read and ordered to be paid.

A Petition for Membership from G. F. Hailer formerly a M. Mason of this Lodge was read and a com. of inquiry apointed consisting of Bros. Keating, Burden and Wm. Ashmead.

The dues was collected amounting to Eleven Dollars & the Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

Surrender Postponed

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 14, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.

Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.
" L. Keating, S. W. P. T.
" Jno. Collins, J. W. P. T.
" Jos. Burden,
" Benjn Holbrook
" David Vondersmith,
" Jno Stendevans,
" James Fiaron,

Visitors.

Bro. Jno Collins,
" Geo. Thompson,
" Hancock,
" Mark Grigg.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge was postponed.

The Com. to whom was refered the petition for membership of Bro. Geo. T. Hailer reported favourable. the Com. was discharged, the candidate balloted for and duly elected a member of this Lodge.

The dues was collected amounting to \$20.75 and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

THE third decade of the century 1830–1840 was, as has been shown, the darkest period in the history of Freemasonry in America, and of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular. The loss of their fine hall on Chestnut Street, the delinquency of so many of the Subordinate Lodges, together with the financial panic which swept over the land, ended in a culmination of disaster to many of the Masonic bodies throughout the State.

At the outbreak of the Morgan excitement in 1826 there were one hundred and thirty-one active lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

During the year 1827 there were four lodges warranted, one of which, however, No. 214, Summit Level Lodge, Head of Conneaut Lake, Erie County, December 2, 1827, was never constituted.

In the year 1828 there was but one Lodge warranted, viz: No. 215, Laurel Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County, June 2, 1828, but was soon after vacated.

In the two following years, 1829–1830, there were no new Lodges formed in the State. In the next year 1831, a single new Lodge was set up, viz: No. 216, Pulaski Lodge, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, June 6, 1831, which is still as active lodge on the roster. With this single exception no new lodge was warranted during the entire decade 1830–1840.

The following extract from the report read at the

Centennial Celebration of Lodge No. 2 in 1859 gives us an insight into the conditions during that period of depression.

> ''But the darkest time in the History of Lodge No. 2 was during the anti-masonic excitement. During the years 1836, 1837 and 1838, the Lodge had frequently to adjourn for want of sufficient members to open, and to the exertions of a few worthy brethren (among whom stands prominent our present well-beloved S. G. W., Brother John Thomson, and to whom the Lodge passed a vote of thanks in December, 1839) to these few is the Lodge indebted for its continued existence. The Grand Secretary, in November, 1838, says ''No meetings have been held from July 10, 1837, to December 11, of the same year: nor from December 11, 1837, to March 12, 1838; nor in July of the same year, owing to the non-attendance of the members.'' The Grand Secretary has, however, great pleasure in stating the fact that a number of young and intelligent Masons are about to join this old and highly respectable member of the Grand Lodge forthwith.''

At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, held March 12, 1838, there were four members of the lodge present, besides Brother John Thomson, of No. 51, who presided; and it was resolved, That the secretary be directed to furnish a list of the members' accounts, and that each brother be notified to attend a special meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of acting on the following resolution:

> ''That it is expedient for this Lodge to surrender its Warrant, and that the proper officers of this Lodge make an inven-

tory of the property thereof, and surrender the same with the funds of the Lodge and its Warrant to the R. W. Grand Lodge.''

This resolution came up for discussion monthly until the stated meeting in September, when the arrangements alluded to in the Grand Secretary's report caused it to be indefinitely postponed.

Brother William Cummings[7] presided as W. M. dur-

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[7] William Cummings was, at the time of his death, December 17, 1889, the Senior Past Master. Born in Southwark, Philadelphia, February 6, 1806. His petition was presented March 13, 1826, when he was twenty years of age. His recommenders were P. M. Bro. Joseph Burden, then a member thirty-two years, and Bro. Norris Stanley, then a member for twenty-three years. P. M. Bro. E. T. Weaver, Bros. Nicholas Saring and Chas. Oat were the Committee. He was entered April 10, 1826, passed May 8 and raised August 14, 1826; Junior Warden, December, 1826; Senior Warden, 1827. In the fall of 1828 business required him to be in New Orleans, La., he joined in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in that city. In 1834, Junior Warden, 1835, Senior Warden. During 1837–38–39, which was during the Morgan excitement, he served as Worshipful Master at a time when it required nerve to acknowledge oneself a Mason. At the 125th Anniversary of the Lodge he responded to the toast ''Our Veterans.'' At the November meeting, 1886, he presented the petition of his grandson, now P. M. Norris Stanley Barratt. He was last present in the Lodge, September 16, 1889. He died the following December, in his eighty-third year. From 1840 to 1865 he was a merchant of prominence, owning and operating his own clipper ships over the world, which helped give the port of Philadelphia her deserved prominence. He built and owned the following vessels, *Schooners,* Kathleen and John McCrea. *Brigs,* Baron, Stranger, Pennsylvania, Norris Stanley, Delaware, Joseph Cowperthwait, Emily Cummings, Clara, Huntress and Calvert; *Barques,* Mary Irvine, Cora Linda, Fairmount, Aaron I. Harvey, Ann Elizabeth, and Margaret Hugg; *Ships,* Frigate Bird, and William Cummings. He had extensive trade with the West Indies, Bahia, Rio Janeiro and Montevideo, South America, as well as Goree, Gambia and Sierra Leone, Africa; Hong Kong, China, and San Francisco, California. During the civil war he was an active member of the Union League and helped to equip the 118 Penna. Volunteers, or Corn Exchange Regiment for the field. He was a director of the Girard National Bank, Commercial Exchange Ass'n, Insurance Co. of North America, Huntingdon &

Wm Cummings.

ing all this time of trial and to his exertions, aided by Brothers Thomson, Barger and a few other good Masons, are we indebted for the present existence of Lodge No. 2.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 11, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno. Collins, No.	187
" Jos Burden, S. W. P.T.	" Wm M. Martin	3
" Jno Collins, J. W. P. T.	" Geo. Thompson,	3
" Beny. Holbrook,		
" Levi Lingo,		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The resolution was not acted on this evening.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 13, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno. Goodman, No.	52
" Hancock, S. W. P. T.	" Hancock,	" 67
	" Robt. R. Porter,	172
	" Mark Grigg,	72

Broad Top R. R. Co., Trustee of City Ice boats, manager of the Howard Hospital and Merchants Fund of which he was one of the founders, vestryman of St. Paul's Church, a prominent Mason and a member of Lodge No. 2 for 63 years preceding his death, December 17, 1889. He is buried in his vault in St. Paul's Church yard.

No Lodge was opened in July,

A Petition for membership from Bro. Jno. I. Haswell, was read and a Com. of Inquiry appointed consisting of Bros. W. Ashmead, Holbrook and Lingo and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Stated Meeting, September 10, 1838.

Present 6 members & 11 visitors.

"The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge, was indefinitely Postponed."

John J. Haswell Duly elected a member of this Lodge.

Stated Meeting, October 8, 1838.

Present 4 members & 5 visitors.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Snyder, W. M. p. t.	Bro. Gatzell,	No. 91
" Taylor, S. W. p. t.	" M. Grigg,	" 72
" Thompson, J. W. p. t.	" Flett,	125
" John J. Haswell,	" Snyder,	71
	" Taylor,	9

Stated Meeting, November 12, 1838

Present 12 members & 18 visitors

Geo D. Haswell, Entered

The R. W. Grand Master, and his Grand Officers, made an official visit to the Lodge this evening.

Stated Meeting, December 10, 1838

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

Brs Burden & Holbrook, Tellers, reported the following duly elected, Viz.

Br Wm Cummings, W. M.
" Lambert Keating, S. W.
" J. J. Hoswelt, J. W.
" Benj^{n} Holbrook, Treasurer.
" Wm Ashmead, Secretary

The W. M. duly installed

Stated Meeting, January 7, 1839

Present 5 members & 6 visitors

Br John J. Hoswelt, installed, J. W.

Stated Meeting, February 11, 1839

Present 8 members & 13 visitors

John Collins, Elected a member

Br Geo D. Haswell, Raised

Stated Meeting, March 11, 1839

Present 6 members & 18 visitors

Eight petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Stated Meeting, April 8, 1839

Present 13 members & 21 visitors

John C. Kartcher, Joseph T. Murphy, Nicholas H. Maguire & John Clement, Entered.

R. Wilson DeSilver, Saml S. Kelly, Ambrose J. White, and Wm Young, Elected members.

Stated Meeting, May 13, 1839

Present 16 members & 26 visitors

By dispensation, R. Wilson DeSilver, Saml S. Kelly, Ambrose J. White and Wm Young, Passed to the Chair.

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, June 10, 1839

Present 12 members & 41 visitors

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Raised

David Martin, & Wm Lloyd, Entered

James Hoy Jr. Elected a member.

Brs Joseph T. Murphy & J. Clement, Crafted

Stated Meeting, July 8, 1839

Present 17 members & 22 visitors

By dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge, an E. A. M. Lodge was opened at 5 Oclock

Brs David Martin, Wm Lloyd & John C. Kartcher, Crafted.

Saml Baldwin, Chas Keck, & Edgar Shiver, Entered. Robert Magrath, Elected a member.

Brs J. T. Murphy, & J. Clement, Raised

Stated Meeting, August 12, 1839

Present 13 members & 16 visitors
Br Wm H. Lloyd, Raised
Br Samuel Baldwin, Crafted.

Stated Meeting, September 9, 1839

Present 18 members & 13 visitors
Wm Robinson, Entered
Br Saml Baldwin, Raised
The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, October 14, 1839

Present 11 members & 16 visitors
The Resignation of Jesse R. Burden, was accepted.

Stated Meeting, November 11, 1839

Present 17 members & 9 visitors
Br John C. Kartcher, Raised.
The resignation of Br Geo D. Hoswell, was accepted.
Brs Edgar Shiver, & Wm Robinson, Crafted

Stated Meeting, December 9, 1839

Present 17 members & 48 visitors
The resignation of J. W. Brown, was accepted
John Perry, Entered
The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved. "That a vote of thanks (be passed) to Br John Thomson of Lodge No 51, for his Brotherly conduct towards us during the present Masonic Year, in assisting us in our labours, and that the Secty be directed to present him with a copy of the same."

Brs Burden & Katcher, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz. Br John Collins, W.M. Br R. Wilson DeSilver, S.W. Br Ambrose J. White, J.W. Br Benj^n Holbrook, Treasurer & Br Wm Ashmead Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1840

Present 14 members & 17 visitors

Officers installed

Edwin G. Shedaker, Entered.

Constant Guillou, Approved

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 5, 1839

The resignations of Brs Sam'l Ashmead & Wm Young were accepted.

Br John Parry, Crafted.

Br Wm Robinson, Raised

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz. Br Saml S. Kelly, S.D. Br Nicholas H. Maguire, J.D. Br Samuel Baldwin, S.M.C. Br John C. Kartcher, J.M.C. and Br Chas Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 1840

Present 7 members & 7 visitors

Br Edwin G. Shedaker, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars, granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, March 9, 1840

Present 11 members & 3 visitors

Edward Springer, Elected a member

Brs E. G. Shedaker & Perry, Raised.

Stated Meeting, April 13, 1840

Present 7 members & 12 visitors

Stated Meeting, May 11, 1840

Present 15 members & 21 visitors

Constant Gillou, Entered

Br Edgar Shivers, Raised

By dispensation Br Geo C. Walker a M. M. of Lodge No 22 Sunberry, Passed to the Chair.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, June 8, 1840

Present 12 members & 10 visitors

Br Constant Gillou, Crafted

Stated Meeting, July 13, 1840

Present 5 members & 8 visitors

"No Business before the Lodge, it closed in Harmony at ¼ past 8 Oclock."

Stated Meeting, August 10, 1840

Present 7 members & 9 visitors

Br John J. Haswell, Resigned

Stated Meeting, September 14, 1840

Present 4 members & 10 visitors

Br Constant Guillou, Raised

Stated Meeting, October 12, 1840

Present 10 members & 11 visitors

Ashbel Green, James D. Wetham & Isaac M. Moss, Entered.

"The following preamble and resolutions unanimously passed.

Where-as the Meeting of this Lodge have not been attended, with that punctuality promised at the time of joining the institution, and that unless more attention be paid, to the Order by its members, it cannot flourish.

Remember this is the oldest Lodge in the State of Pennsylvania, and I may say, as respectable as any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge,

We there-fore hope that our Brethren will Help, Aid, and Assist in preserving, not only its respectability, but its interests." Resolved,

"That the Secretary notify each Member at the next stated Meeting of a special request on the part of the Lodge, that he be punctual in attendance."

Resolved, that the Secty be instructed to furnish each Member, (who is in arrears over one year) with his account and request him to appear at the next Stated Meeting.

If this is not attended to such non-attending Brother, to be cited under the seal of the Lodge, to come forward and show cause, why he shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues."

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 1840

Present 6 members & 8 visitors

Brs Moss & Green, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 1840

Present 26 members & 27 visitors

Br Moss, Raised

Brs Burden & Cummings, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br R. Wilson DeSilver, W. M.

" Ambrose J. White, S.W. Br Saml S. Kelly, J.W. Br Constant Gillou, Treasurer, Br John Collins, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 11, 1841

Present 13 members & 23 visitors

Br J. D. Wetham, Crafted

Br Constant Gillou, Treasurer, and John Collins, Secretary, duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments Viz

Stated Meeting, February 8, 1841

Present 11 members & 10 visitors

Br Ashbel Green, Raised

Br Ambrose J. White, was duly installed, S. W. and Br Samuel S. Kelly, J. W.

Br James McDonald's resignation accepted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, March 8, 1841

Present 8 members & 14 visitors

The resignation of Br James Hoy Jr. was read, and on motion accepted, he being about to leave the City.

Stated Meeting, April 12, 1841

Present 8 members & 3 visitors

A petition for initiation and membership was received this evening.

Stated Meeting, May 10, 1841

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

John S. Markley, Elected a member.

Stated Meeting, June 14, 1841

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

Stated Meeting, July 12, 1841

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

Stated Meeting, August 9, 1841

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

Stated Meeting, September 13, 1841

Present 6 members & 6 visitors

The Secretary not being present no minutes were read, and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 8¼ Oclock.

Stated Meeting, October 11, 1841

Present 7 members & 4 visitors

Stated Meeting, November 7, 1841

Present 8 members & 6 visitors

The resignation of Br Wm Cummings was accepted.

Stated Meeting, December 13, 1841

Present 15 members & 22 visitors

Thomas Doron, Entered

Brs Holbrook & Moss, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br R. Wilson DeSilver, W. M.
" Constant Guillou, S. W.
" Ashbel Green, J. W.
" Isaac M. Moss, Treasurer
" John Collins, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 10, 1842

Present 7 members & 7 visitors

Br Thomas Doron, Crafted

Officers duly installed

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 1842

Present 7 members & 11 visitors

Br Thomas Doron, Raised

STATED MEETING, MARCH 14, 1842

Present 11 members & 28 visitors.

Joseph C. Burden, Entered.

Br Jas D. Netham, Raised

Five members were suspended this evening for non-payment of dues.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 11, 1842

Present 8 members & 8 visitors

Br J. C. Burden, Crafted.

STATED MEETING, MAY 9, 1842.

Present 5 members & 4 visitors.

"The Committee appointed to inquire into the qualifications of Chas Guillou, M. D. and applicant for Initiation and membership, Report favourable to his Prayer, the Candidate was ballotted for and unanimously approved."

Stated Meeting, June 13, 1842.

Present 4 members & 12 visitors.

Charles Guillou, Entered.

The resignations of Brs Geo McKeown, and Benj^{n} Holbrook, were accepted.

Stated Meeting, July 11, 1842.

Present 5 members & 5 visitors.

"Two Names were announced requesting to be examined.

A Committee being appointed, reported they were unable to work themselves in."

Br Chas Guillou, Crafted.

Br Isaac M. Moss, Treasurer, resigned.

"The W. M. appointed Thos Doron as Treas^{r} Pro Tem. untill St Johns day next."

Stated Meeting, August 8, 1842.

Present 4 members & 3 visitors.

Br Sanno, Reinstated.

Stated Meeting, September 12, 1842.

Present 5 members & 14 visitors.

Br Chas Guillou, Raised.

Visitation of the R. W. G. M. and his Grand Officers.

Stated Meeting, October 10, 1842.

Present 6 members & 5 visitors.

Two petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 1842.

Present 9 members & 13 visitors.

James A. Richardson and W. N. Woodcock Entered.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 1842.

Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

Brs De Silver & Ashmead, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Bro. Constant Guillou, W. M.
" Asbel Green, S. W.
" Thomas Doron, J. W.
" William Robinson, Treasurer.
" R. Wilson DeSilver, Secretary.

EXTRA MEETING, DECEMBER 26, 1842.

Present 4 members.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1843.

Present 7 members & 7 visitors.

Br J. A. Richardson, Raised.

Officers installed.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 1843.

Present 6 members & 5 visitors.

"On motion of Br Doron, the following resolution, was offered and adopted, Resolved, That the Officers of this Lodge be instructed to confer with Officers of other Lodges, to devise and bring before the Grand Lodge some plan for a Masonic Library and Lecture, with a Reading and Conversation Room.''

STATED MEETING, MARCH 3, 1843.

Present 5 members & 2 visitors.

''Any Master Mason a Member of this Lodge, in good standing, may upon petition become a Life Member, upon his paying, Thirty Dollars, into the Lodge, he shall be entitled to a Certificate thereof, the Resolution being seconded, it laid over according to our By Laws.''

STATED MEETING, APRIL 10, 1843.

Present 4 members & 10 visitors.

By dispensation, J. E. Richardson, Passed to the Chair.

''A Communication was received from Br Green, regretting that his Impaired health, still prevented him from leaving his house after Sun down, and thus precluded his attendance at the Meetings of this Lodge, and that the same might be entered upon the minutes to prevent a supposition that the S. W. of this Lodge absented himself without Sufficient Cause, accepted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.''

STATED MEETING, MAY 8, 1843.

Present 6 members & 4 visitors.

''On motion Br John Simns, was reinstated a Member of this Lodge.''

''A resignation from Br John Simns was received, and according to the By Laws, laid over untill our next stated night of meeting."

Stated Meeting, June 12, 1843.

Present 7 members & 6 visitors.

The resignation of Br J. Simns was accepted.

Br Woodcock, Crafted.

Stated Meeting, July 10, 1843.

Present 7 members & 5 visitors.

Stated Meeting, August 14, 1843.

Present 8 members & 7 visitors.

Br W. N. Woodcock, Raised.

Stated Meeting, September 11, 1843.

Present 6 members & 6 visitors.

Samuel Robinson, Entered.

Stated Meeting, October 9, 1843.

Present 6 members & 9 visitors.

Br Samuel Robinson, Crafted.

Stated Meeting, November 13, 1843.

Present 5 members & 4 visitors.

Br Samuel Robinson, Raised.

"On motion made and seconded that Br Lambert Keatting be placed on half dues."

Eight members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Stated Meeting, December 11, 1843.

Present 7 members & 2 visitors.

"The following Communication was received from the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Monday Dec 4th 1843

The following Resolution Offered by Br John Thompson, on the 16th of October, was called up, and unanimously adopted to wit.

Resolved

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that all Subordinate Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, *should Hold their Meetings and Transact all Business, except the Conferring of the lower Degrees, Lecturing thereon, and Election for Officers, in a Lodge of Master Masons.*"

"When on motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to each Subordinate Lodge, a Copy of the above Resolutions"

Extract from the minutes

Wm H. Adams

Dec 5th 1843. *Grand Secretary*

This night being the Anniversary of our election for Officers, the following Brethren were unanimously elected, to serve for the ensuing Year, from St Johns day next, Viz. Br Constant Guillou, Re-elected W. M. Br Charles Guillou, S. W. Br J. E. Richardson, J. W. Br Wm Robinson Treasurer, & Br R. Wilson De Silver, Secretary.

Br Constant Guillou, was installed W. M. of this Lodge, to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, and Br James E. Richardson as J. W.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1844.

Present 6 members.

Br John Collins, was reinstated a member of this Lodge.

Officers duly installed.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 1844.

Present 6 members & 6 visitors.

The resignation of Br John C. Kartcher, was accepted.

Nine petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

"On motion made and seconded, that our stated night of meeting, be changed from the second Monday, to the second Friday of the Month, and that our Meetings shall take place in the Small Room, of this Building, generally known as the Mark Chapter Room, Instead of the one now used. On Motion made and seconded, that the Secty be authorized to send Notices to the Members of this Lodge, calling them together, on the 27th of this Month, at 5 O'clock, P.M. for the purpose of sanctioning the change according to the Ahiman Rezon, of the Grand Lodge."

Special Meeting, February 27, 1844.

Present 4 members.

"Br Charles Guillou, having stated to the Lodge the object of this special Meeting, On Motion made and seconded, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, Resolved,

That the Stated Meeting of this Lodge take place here-after, on the second Friday of each Month, instead of the second Monday, as here-fore. Resolved That the Stated Meeting of this Lodge take place here-after in the small room of this Masonic Hall, Instead of the Lodge Room as here-before."

Stated Meeting, March 11, 1844.

Present 7 members & 5 visitors.

The following Brethren were separately and unanimously elected members of this Lodge, Viz. George W. Chambers, Andrew Flick, Jacob Gumple, Henry Wilkinson, R. E. Welsh, E. A. Carroll, Aaron Samuels, Moses Sternberger, M. J. Vanderslice.

Stated Meeting, April 12, 1844.

Present 7 members & 6 visitors.

A. J. Frick, Wm Albertson, Lewis Fayette, and Charles Hortz, Entered.

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, MAY 10, 1844.

Present 9 members & 1 visitor.

Br A. J. Frick, Crafted.

A petition for initiation and membership was received this evening.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 14, 1844.

Present 12 members & 19 visitors.

Br A. J. Frick, Raised.

Brs Albertson & Fayette, Crafted.

A. M. Cristalar, Henry Lelar, Jos F. Taylor, & Samuel Norris, Elected members of this Lodge.

STATED MEETING, JULY 12, 1844.

Present 12 members & 7 visitors.

John Riley, Elected a member.

John Riley, Entered.

"On motion of Br Chambers, the Secty be requested to write a letter of Condolence to the Widow, of our deceased Br Charles Schneider, and the same to be signed by the Officers."

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1844.

Present 10 members & 10 visitors.

Wm Williams, Entered.

Br Albertson, Raised.

The Resignation of Br Woodcock, was accepted.

Morris Hess, Elected a member.

Special Meeting, August 30, 1844.

Present 11 members & 10 visitors.

By dispensation, Jacob Katz, E. P. R.

Stated Meeting, September 13, 1844.

Present 10 members & 14 visitors.

Br W. Williams, Crafted.

Six petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Stated Meeting, October 11, 1844.

Present 8 members & 12 visitors.

Moses Abraham, Albert Lehman, Jos D. Chew, John M. Gummey and Wm Cole, Elected members of this Lodge.

Albert Lehman & J. D. Chew, Entered.

Br Riley, Crafted.

Br Wm Williams, Raised.

Stated Meeting, November 8, 1844.

Present 11 members & 8 visitors.

Br Lehman, Crafted.

Moses Abraham, Entered.

Br Riley, Raised.

"On motion of Br Chambers, the following Resolutions, were read and accepted, and ordered to lay over until our next Stated Meeting. Resolved,

With the approval of the Grand Lodge, That after

St Johns day, next, this Lodge hold its meetings in the Grand Lodge Room, on the 3rd Monday of each Month. Resolved,

That the 1st Article of the By Laws Reading 2nd Friday, be altered to read 3rd Monday."

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 1844.

Present 29 members & 22 visitors.

"The following Grand Communication from the Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to be filed, Viz.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
QUARTERLY GRAND COMMUNICATION
PHILADELPHIA Monday Dec 2nd/44

A Communication was received and read, from Lodge No 2, requesting permission to hold the Stated Meetings of said Lodge, after St Johns day next, on the Third Monday, of the Month, instead of the second Friday, and in the Grand Lodge Room,—also that the 1st Article of the By Laws, reading second Friday, be so altered, as to read Third Monday. When on motion duly made, and seconde, it was resolved, That the Request of Lodge No 2, be granted."

Extract from the minutes

WM H ADAMS
Grand Secretary.

This being our night for the Annual Election for Officers, A Master Masons Lodge closed, and an E. A Lodge opened. When the following was the result.

Bro. James E. Richardson, W. M.
" Aaron Samuels, S. W.
" Jacob Gumpel, J. W.
" William Robinson, Treasurer.
" Henry Lelar, Secretary

The W. M. duly installed

R. T. Switser, and W. C. Edwards, Elected members of this Lodge.

"It being in order, the two Resolutions of Br Chambers offered in November, were again read, and on Motion made and seconded, Adopted."

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 20, 1845.

Present 16 members & 16 visitors.

Joseph F. Taylor, Entered.

Br Moses Abraham, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Officers duly installed.

The W. M. announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic Year, Viz. (Br Moses Sternberger, and Br A. T. Flick,) Committee on Charity.

Bro. James E. Richardson, S. D.
" Moses Sternberger, J. D.
" A. M. Christaller, S. M. C.
" Morris Hess, J. M. C.
" Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 1845.

Present 18 members & 28 visitors.

Br Samuel C. Robinson's Resignation accepted.

R. T. Switser, Entered.

The R. W. G. M. accompanied by his Grand Officers, made his Grand Visitation to the Lodge.

Ten members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Br Moses Abraham, Raised.

"Br Wm Cole, being about to leave the City, desired to withdraw from the Lodge, and having complied with the provisions of the By Laws, Article 10, it was on motion Resolved that his request be granted, his Resignation accepted, and that he be recommended to the Grand Lodge for a Certificate."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 17, 1845.

Present 16 members & 16 visitors.

Br Albert Lehman, Raised.

Br Switser, Crafted.

Br Constant Guillou, Resigned.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 21, 1845.

Present 11 members & 10 visitors.

The Resignation of Br Constant Guillou was accepted.

Br Lewis Fayette, Raised.

STATED MEETING, MAY 19, 1845.

Present 16 members & 12 visitors.

Chauncey Bulkley, Entered.

Br R. T. Switser, Raised.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 16, 1845.

Present 9 members & 11 visitors.

P. Fridenberg Approved.

Br C. Bulkley Crafted.

S. E. Hilsee Entered.

Stated Meeting, July 21, 1845.

Present 15 members & 16 visitors.

Br S. E. Hilsee, Crafted.

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Stated Meeting, August 18, 1845.

Present 14 members & 26 visitors.

Wm H. Clark, Wm Cox & Adolph Briger, Entered.

The sum of 3 dollars granted for Charity.

"The Resignation of Br R. E. Welsh, was received, who stated that he was about to leave the City, and having paid his dues in full, his resignation was accepted."

Joseph Davis, Approved.

Stated Meeting, September 15, 1845.

Present 10 members & 13 visitors.

Br S. E. Hilsee, Raised.

M. Clifton, Joseph Davis, & Edward Schlemm, Entered.

Br A. Briger, Crafted.

The following Brethren having complied with the provisions of the By Laws, their resignations were accepted, Viz Levi Lingo, H. Wilkinson, Chas Hortz, John Riley, M. Vanderslice & G. W. Chambers.

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Stated Meeting, October 20, 1845.

Present 12 members & 12 visitors.

Henry Wilkins, Entered.

Brs C. Cox, Wm H. Clark, M. Clifton & J. Davis, Crafted.

Br A. Briger, Raised.

The Resignations of Brs J. Douglass, and M. Christaller, were accepted.

The sum of 12 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, November 17, 1845.

Present 14 members & 16 visitors.

The Resignations of Brs S. Kelly, and E. A. Carroll, were accepted.

Br W. H. Cox, Raised.

Lewis Cleve, Entered.

Br Henry Wilkins, Crafted.

Brs M. Clifton, J. Davis, and Wm H. Clark, Raised.

Two petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, December 15, 1845

Present 22 members & 20 visitors

Brs N. H. Maguire & Samuel Norriss, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz

Br Aaron Samuels, W. M.

Br Jacob Gumple, S.W. Br N. H. Maguire, J.W. Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer, and Br Henry Lelar, Secretary.

The Fourth Decade

WITH the beginning of the fourth decade (1840) of the last century the firmament of the Masonic horizon commenced to lighten, the dark clouds of antimasonry which for the past ten years had darkened the Masonic sky, had began to scatter and eventually vanished into oblivion to become nothing more than a memory or a blot upon our local political history.

In the year 1840 there stood but forty-five Subordinate Lodges upon our register. No less than eighty-six lodges appear to have succumbed to the insane excitement and political agitation, known as Antimasonry.

The first Lodge to be warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania after the anti-masonic venom had subsided was No. 218, Honesdale Lodge, Honesdale, Wayne County, September 4, 1843.

It was, however, not until the year 1846, that it may be said that the anti-agitation had subsided. This is shown by the phœnix-like revival of the Masonic fraternity throughout the State not alone were petitions for new Lodges presented, but many of the Lodges who had surrendered their warrants during the excitement gradually sent petitions to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement. During the year 1846, four new Lodges were set up in different parts of the State, viz:

No. 219, St. John's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, March 2, 1846.

No. 220, Portage Lodge, Hollidaysburg, Blair County, September 7, 1846.

No. 221, Franklin Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, September 7, 1846.

No. 222, Minersville, Schuylkill County, September 6, 1846.

During the year 1847 four more new Lodges were added to the Roster:

No. 223, Allegheny Lodge, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, September 6, 1847.

No. 224, Mahoning now Danville Lodge, Danville, Montour County, September 6, 1847.

No. 225, Philanthropy Lodge, Greensburg, Westmoreland County, September 6, 1847.

No. 226, Mount Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Lebanon County, December 27, 1847.

Followed by eleven in the next year:

No. 227, Chandler Lodge, Reading, Berks County, March 6, 1848.

No. 228, Fayette Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County, March 6, 1848.

No. 229, Rochester Lodge, Rochester, Beaver County, March 6, 1848.

No. 230, Richmond Lodge, Philadelphia, March 6, 1848.

No. 231, Solomon's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, March 6, 1848.

No. 232, La Belle Vallee Lodge, Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, March 6, 1848.

No. 233, St. John's Lodge, Pittston, Luzerne County, March 6, 1848.

No. 234, Meadville now Crawford Lodge, Meadville, Crawford County, September 4, 1848.

No. 225, Presque Isle Lodge, Erie, Erie County, December 27, 1848.

No. 236, Chester Lodge, Chester, Delaware County, December 4, 1848.

No. 237, Chandler Lodge, Washington, now Beallsville, Washington County, December 4, 1848.

Five more were added to the Roster in 1849.

No. 238, Tamaqua Lodge, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, June 4, 1849.

No. 239, Armstrong Lodge, Freeport, Armstrong County, March 5, 1849.

No. 240, Warren Lodge, Montrose, Susquehanna County, June 4, 1849.

No. 241, North Star Lodge, Warren, Warren County, June 4, 1849.

No. 243, Mahoning Lodge, New Castle, Lawrence County, December 17, 1849.

The abandonment of the Chestnut Street Hall and the occupation of Washington Hall on Third Street proved to be but a temporary episode in the history of the Grand Lodge. The craft, more fortunate than the Franklin Institute, had weathered the storm, both anti-Masonic and financial, and by the inability of the Franklin Institute to comply with their obligations, the title of the Chestnut Street Hall in 1841 again rested in the Grand Lodge.

The Fraternity, however, did not again occupy the old building for Masonic purposes. One reason for this was that, during the past six years, the rooms in the building had been rented out indiscriminately by the new owners, so that by the time of its reconveyance, it had become a place of a somewhat doubtful reputation.

After regaining possession the Grand Lodge at once took means to rent the building to responsible and respectable parties, as shown by following report made by the Committee on Finance, at the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 5, 1849, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge he has, with the advice of the Grand Officers, rented the Room in the Chestnut Street Hall, known as the Chapter room to the Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia for the purpose of holding a court of Justice, at a rent of 500$ per annum and that he has rented the refreshment room for a public school room at a yearly rent of 200$ there has also been rented one of the back rooms on the Second floor as a private School Room at 100$ per annum. The Gas Company Still occupy the Workshop in Lodge St. at a yearly rent of 175$ making the permanent rent of the premises in all 975$ perannum.

As the resolutions of the Grand Lodge restrict the Grand Treasurer from renting for a longer period than three months without their approbation, he now respectfully asks the approval of the Grand Lodge to the foregoing arrangement.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN THOMSON, *Gr. Treas.*

During the interval while the Grand Lodge occupied the Washington Hall on Third Stret, four stores were erected in front of the old hall on Chestnut Street, as shown by the Records of the Grand Lodge.

The following letter was received and read at the Quarterly Grand Communication held Sept. 7, 1846.

When on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that it be referred to a Special Committee of five.

The Right Worshipful G. Master was pleased to appoint on the above Bros. C. Stevenson, P. G. M., James Hutchinson, Michael Bouvier, Jacob Steiner & George Smith, Committee.

October 5, 1846, a Special Grand Communication was held to take into consideration the report of above committee on the proposition for improving in front of the Chestnut Street Hall.[8]

The following report was received & read, viz:

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNS^{a}.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition and plan of Brother William S. Shultz for improving in front of the Chestnut S^{t} Hall.

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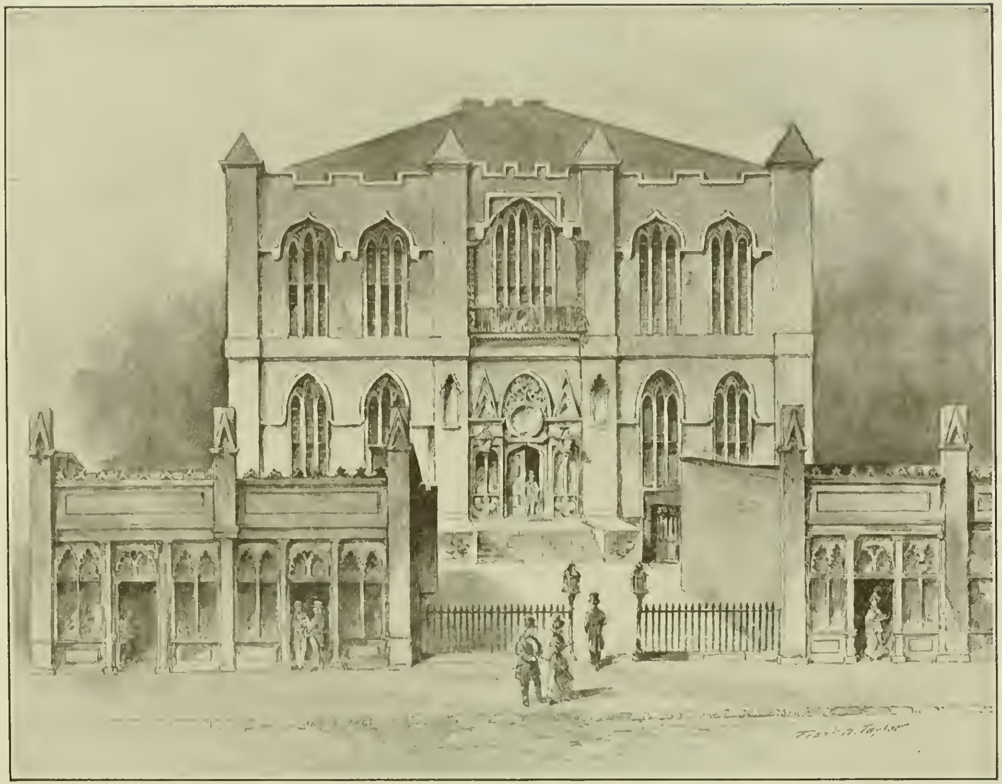
[8] Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VII, p. 377.

Report, That after several Meetings and a careful examination of the subject they are unanimously of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Grand Lodge to enter into an engagement with Bro. Shultz for the Building of Four Stores on the vacant ground in front of the Masonic Hall Chestnut Street upon the principle & according to the plan herewith submitted in a substantial manner & of the best materials he giving satisfactory security for the faithful performance of the Contract, the said stores to be erected without any cost to the Grand Lodge and Brother Shultz to receive all the rental thereof for three Years from the time of their being finished which is to be on or before the first day of March, 1847, the rent from that time until the expiration of his lease to be received by M^{r}. E Peale as a full consideration for the surrender of the ground to be occupied by the said erections, the additional taxes on said improvement to be paid by Bro. Shultz and Mr. E. Peale according to the arrangement between them, therefore offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of 5 be appointed for the purpose of making a contract with Bro. Shultz for the erection of the above stores, said committee in entering into the contract to carefully guard the interests of the Grand Lodge by Securing the Erection of Substantial Buildings of the best Material & Workmanship and finished in all their details the material of the best kind and the specifications to be full and complete with ample security for the performance of the contract. The specifications and security to be satisfactory to the said committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. C. Stevenson,
George Smith,
Phil., Octo^{r} 5, 1846. Jacob Steiner, *Committee.*



THE MASONIC HALL (CHESTNUT STREET) AS IT WAS 1846-1853.

SHOWING THE FOUR STORES BUILT BY BRO. WILLIAM S. SHULTZ, W. M., No. 130, IN 1846.

Bro. Wm. S. Shultz's Offer

To William H. Adams.

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

Allow me through you to present to the Notice of the Grand Lodge a proposition to improve the front of our Hall on Chestnut Street by which it will be much beautified and afford a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any expense on their part.

I propose to build Four Stores on the front, two next the East Line and two next the West line leaving a large and spacious entrance to the Main door way of about 30 feet according to a plan which accompanies this. The stores will be 18 feet front by 36 ft. deep leaving 12 feet between the rear of stores and front of Building or Hall. There will be two windows and a door to each front, one door and window in the Back, a good Cellar beneath them for packages, &c., the walls to be of Brick 9 in. thick, the roof of Metal, the fronts finished in the Gothic Style with Plate Glass in the windows and doors, the whole outside appearance to correspond in finish to the front of the Hall as reference to the drawing will shew. I will to erect the 4 Stories and pay myself out of the rents and deliver them at the end of three Years from completion to the Grand Lodge free of all incumbrances. they will be an ornament to the Hall and add much to its appearance while they will yield a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any outlay on their part. If you will lay this before the G. Lodge you will oblige

Yours frater., &c

William S. Shultz, *W. M., No. 130.*

Stated Meeting, January 19, 1846

Present 11 members & 19 visitors

Officers duly installed.

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity.

The W. M. made the following appointments

Br A. J. Flick, S.D.

Br P. Fridenberg, J.D. Br Saml Norriss, S.M.C. Br J. Davis, J.M.C. & Wm B Schneider, Tyler.

Stated Meeting, February 16, 1846

Present 12 members & 18 visitors

''Committee to examine the Treasurer's account report that they had performed the duty assigned them, the account was correct and that there remained a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $267.90/100.''

Stated Meeting, March 16, 1846

Present 15 members & 28 visitors

Stated Meeting, April 20, 1846

Present 12 members & 12 visitors

The Resignation of Br L. Fayette accepted

Solomon Isaacs, & Isaac Hassler, Entered.

''The W. M. called the attention of the Lodge, to the delapidated state of the Regalia, that it required refitting, or a new set entirely. Where upon it was, Resolved,

That a committee of three be appointed to procure a New Set. Brs Lelan, Clifton, & Robinson, Committee.''

Stated Meeting, May 18, 1846

Present 10 members & 10 visitors

"A Regalia was exhibited and examined by the Brethren, where-upon it was, Resolved, that we purchase the same from Br Davis, and that his bill amounting to $96.25 cts be paid, and that the Committee appointed at the last meeting be discharged."

Stated Meeting, June 15, 1846

Present 12 members & 8 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Special Meeting, July 2, 1846

Present 7 members & 6 visitors

By dispensation James Barnes, E. P. R.

Stated Meeting, July 20, 1846

Present 13 members.

The Resignation of Br R. Wilson DeSilver was accepted.

Stated Meeting, August 17, 1846

Present 9 members

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, September 21, 1846

Present 11 members

By dispensation Br J. Davis, Passed to the Chair.

Stated Meeting, October 19, 1846

Present 9 members.

The sum of 6 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, November 16, 1846

Present 13 members.

Br I. Hassler, Raised

Stated Meeting, December 21, 1846

Present 16 members & 17 visitors

Brs Richardson & C. Bulckly, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br Jacob Gumple, W. M.
" Nicholas H. Maguire, S. W.
" William Robertson, J. W.
" James E. Richardson, Treasurer.
" Chauncey Bulckly, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

Stated Meeting, January 18, 1847

Present 10 members & 21 visitors

Officers duly installed

The sum of 8 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. made the following appointments, Viz.

Br Peter Friedenberg, S. D.
" Gilbert Hilsee, J. D.
" Gilbert Davis, S. M. C. Br M. Clifton, J. M. C. & Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

Stated Meeting, February 15, 1847

Present 8 members & 10 visitors

"Petition of Constant Guillou to be re-admitted to the Order, read."

Stated Meeting, March 15, 1847

Constant Guillou, elected a member.

"Br James Page, R. W. G. M. accompanied by his Grand Officers, favoured the Lodge with a Grand Visitation, and delivered an eloquent address, setting forth in the most impressive manner, the beauties of the Order, and the duties that Brethren owe to one another."

Stated Meeting, May 17, 1847

Present 5 members & 11 visitors

"Lodge on motion desired and ordered, That the Secretary spread on these minutes, the reason why the Stated Meeting of this Lodge, was not held in the Month of April, as usal,—which was done."

Stated Meeting, June 21, 1847

Present 9 members & 23 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 3 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, July 19, 1847

Present 12 members & 6 visitors

Br Lambert Keatting's resignation accepted, and dues remitted.

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, August 16, 1847

Present 14 members & 11 visitors

Stated Meeting, September 20, 1847

Present 9 members & 5 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, October 18, 1847

Present 7 members & 6 visitors

Stated Meeting, November 15, 1847

Present 12 members & 12 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, December 20, 1847

Present 13 members & 15 visitors

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening

The sum of 28 dollars granted for Charity

Lodge proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year, being 12 Months from St Johns day next, whereupon the following were elected, Viz

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, W. M.
" William Robertson, S. W.
" Maurice Hess, J. W.
" James E. Richardson, Treasurer.
" Chauncey Bulckly, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

Dues received amounting $65- 75 cts and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 9¼ Oclock, P.M.

Stated Meeting, January 17, 1848

Present 13 members & 9 visitors

The sum of 6 dollars granted for Charity

Officers duly installed

The W. M. made the following appointments Viz. Br Pharez Freidenberg, S.D. Br Henry T. Grout, J.D. Br James Whetham, S.M.C. Br Wm L. Kite, J.M.C. Br Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

Stated Meeting, February 21, 1848

Present 9 members & 27 visitors

Minutes of last Meeting approved and adopted.

"Bill of Grand Lodge for 1847 amounting to $152. was read and ordered to be paid."

Committee on Charity, Brs Graham, Robertson, & Samuels.

Stated Meeting, March 20, 1848

Present 9 members & 23 visitors

"The deceased of Br Enoch Carter, being announced by the W. M. Resolved, That this Lodge have heard with deep regret, of the decease of Br Enoch Carter—a Brother endeared to us by his many manly and Masonic virtues. Resolved,

That in testimony of respect for his memory the Regalia of this Lodge, be placed in mourning for three months. Resolved

That the Secretary be requested to furnish a Copy of these proceedings, to his family."

STATED MEETING, APRIL 17, 1848

Present 12 members & 4 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, MAY 15, 1848

Present 12 members & 11 visitors

The sum of 18 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JUNE 19, 1848

Present 8 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, JULY 17, 1848

Present 9 members & 12 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 21, 1848

Present 5 members & 7 visitors

Minutes of last Stated Meeting read and on motion adopted Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 Oclock 10 minutes, P.M.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1848

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 1848

Present 11 members & 7 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1848

Present 11 members & 6 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1848

Present 21 members & 23 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

Brs J. E. Richardson & Aaron Samuels, Tellers, reported the following duly elected, Viz

Br Wm Robertson, W.M. Br Maurice Hess, S.W. Br Chauncey Bulckly, J.W. Br J. E. Richardson, Treasurer. Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

Br Wm Robertson, was duly installed W.M. Br Maurice Hess, was installed, S.W. and Br Chauncey Bulckly was installed J.W. for the ensuing Masonic Year.

Nine members were stricken from the list of Lodge No 2, for non-payment of dues.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1849

Present 15 members & 12 visitors

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, installed as Secretary

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz. Br Thomas Graham, S.D. Br Wm L. Kite J.D. Br James Thomas, S.M.C. Br Samuel Norris, J.M.C. and Br Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 1849

Present 14 members & 16 visitors

Br James E. Richardson, was duly installed as Treasurer.

Jesse R. Burden duly elected a member

"The Resolutions offered by Br Thomas Graham at the Stated Meeting in Dec. an amendment to Article 3rd of By Laws, commencing at the 13th line to wit, Should a Candidate neglect or refuse to appear, to be initiated, for four Stated Meeting nights, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable circumstance, the amount received with his petition shall be forfeited to the Lodge, according to the requisitions of Article 19th of By Laws, was on motion adopted."

By dispensation Br James Thomas Passed to the Chair.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1849

Present 4 members & 7 visitors

By dispensation, Andrew Thompson Entered, Passed, & Raised

STATED MEETING, MARCH 19, 1849

Present 9 members & 9 visitors.

"It having been announced from the Chair, that since the last Stated Meeting the Lodge had been called on, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of an old respected member, Brother J. Douglass, Br Jesse R. Burden offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted,

Where as it has pleased the Supreme Architect to call from his earthly labors, our late Worthy Br John Douglass, There fore Resolved, by this Lodge No 2, A. Y. M.—That we lament the dispensation which has deprived this Lodge of a member and us of a Brother, and whilst we bow with submission to the Divine Will, Resolved—that we condole with his bereaved family and in token of our feelings,—the Lodge room be clothed in mourning for the space of three months, Resolved,

That the Secty be directed to present a copy of these resolutions to the family."

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Stated Meeting, April 16, 1849

Present 12 members & 19 visitors

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, May 21, 1849

Present 10 members & 18 visitors

Stated Meeting, June 18, 1849

Present 10 members & 15 visitors

Stated Meeting, July 16, 1849

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1849

Present 6 members & 8 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1849

Present 12 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 1849

Present 13 members & 22 visitors

"Br Peter Fritz, R. W. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Penna & Masonic Jurisdiction there unto belonging, accompanied by his Grand Officers, honored the Lodge, by a Grand Visitation, and an eloquent address."

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 1849

Present 7 members & 16 visitors

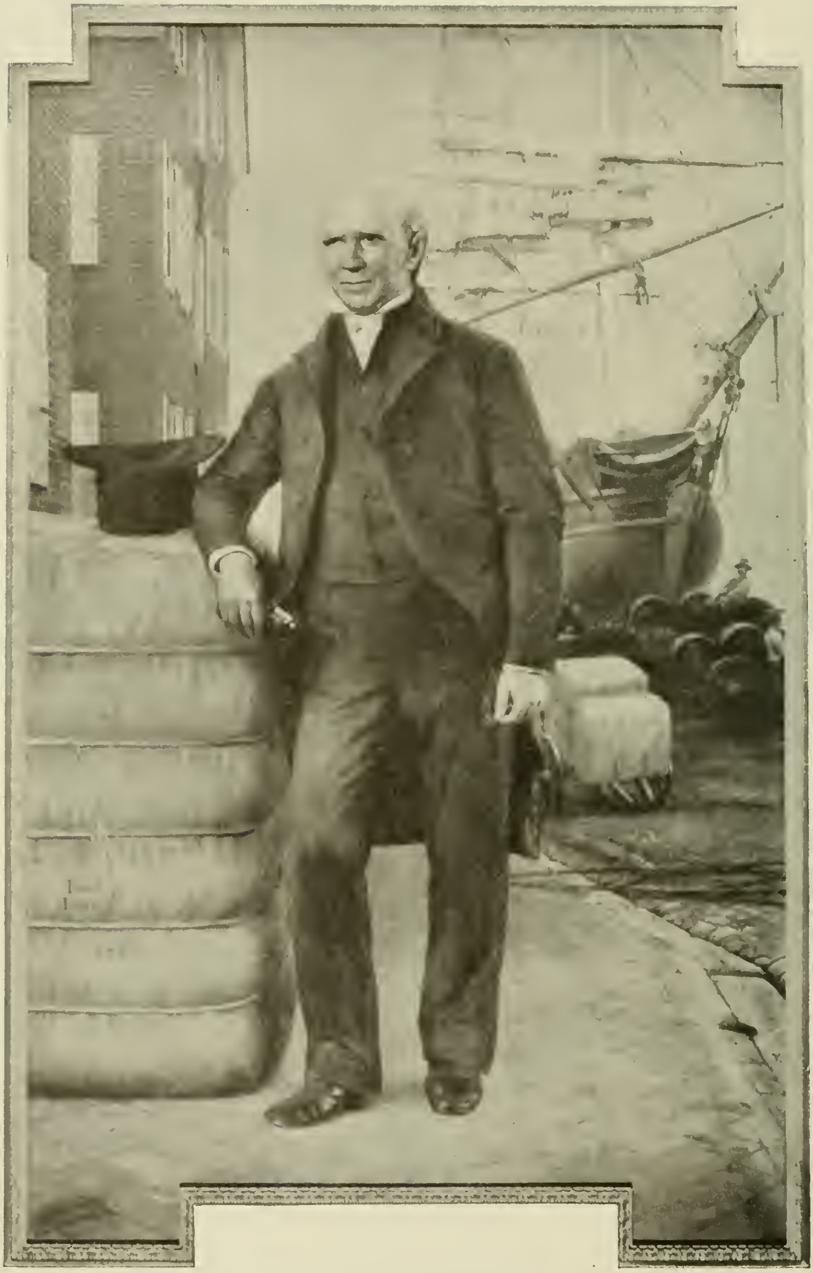
The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

"Lodge closed in Harmony at 7½ Oclock."

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 1849

The following brethren were elected to serve for the coming Masonic year:

Bro. Chauncy Bulkley, Worshipful Master
" Thomas Graham, Senior Warden
" Joseph Davis, Junior Warden
" James Richardson, Treasurer,
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary,



FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT OF BRO. STEPHEN GIRARD,
MERCHANT, MARINER AND PHILANTHROPIST.
IN THE CORRIDOR HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

CHAPTER XXIX

THE OFFICIAL REINTERMENT OF GIRARD'S REMAINS, AND THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CHESTNUT STREET HALL, 1850–1855

WITH the beginning of the second half of the nineteenth century a new era of prosperity opened up for the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania.

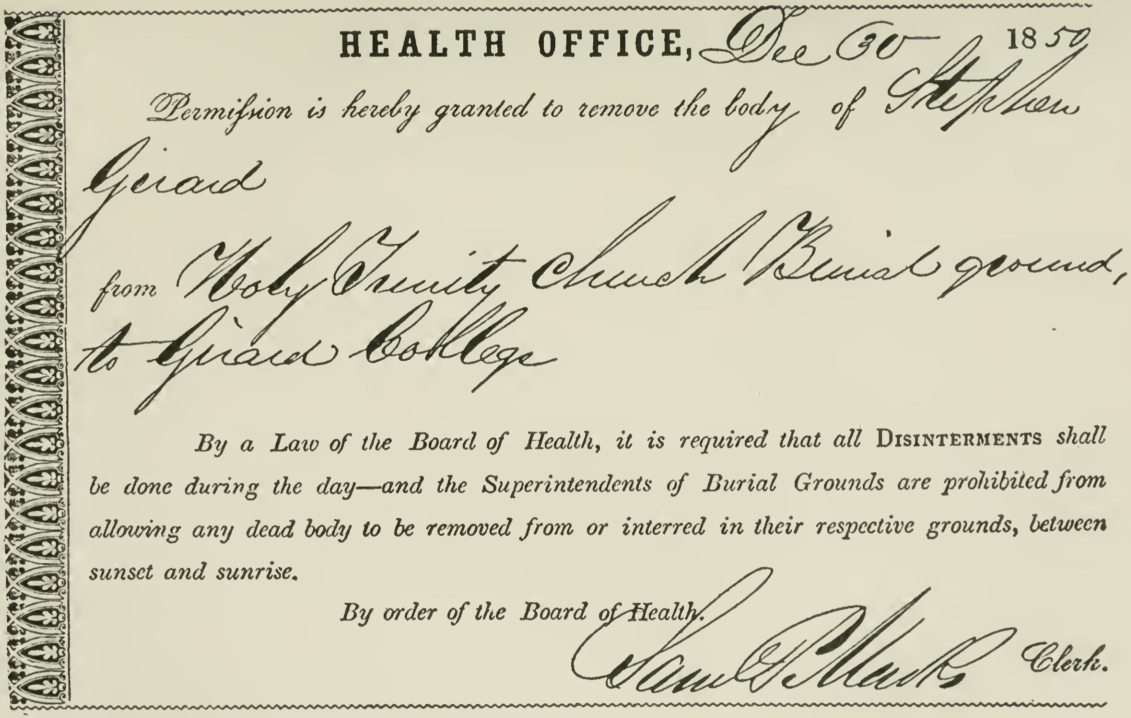
The first event of importance in this decade was the reinterment of the remains of Brother Stephen Girard. Different accounts of this event have come down to us from both Catholic and secular sources; the actual facts, however, as gleaned from documents in our archives are as follows:

As stated in a previous chapter, Brother Stephen Girard was buried December 31, 1831, in the ground adjourning the German Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, at the northwest corner of Spruce and Sixth Streets.

A plain flat slab supported by bricks was placed over the vault which contained the remains. This was about the middle of the ground adjoining the church toward the north, and immediately adjoining the fence and walk which runs beside the north church wall. After the remains were finally taken away, this slab was also removed, leaving nothing whatever, to mark the spot where the remains of the great merchant, banker and philanthropist had reposed for nineteen years.

When the main building of the College was nearing completion, the commissioners of the Girard estate and the city authorities commenced to make arrangements for the disinterment of the remains of the great philanthropist where they had rested for the past nineteen years in the vault adjoining Holy Trinity Church at Sixth and Spruce Streets and removing them, to what was to be their final resting place within the grounds of the college, as might be determined upon by the Board of Commissioners of the Girard estate.

There are many conflicting stories told about the removal of Girard's remains, to be found both in Catholic and Masonic as well as secular sources. Apparently most of these accounts differ, and in some cases directly contradict one another. To thoroughly solve this question, and arrive at the truth, and the actual facts of what took place in the premises on those occasions has been our task. For this purpose the original documents of the Church, Commissioners of the Girard Trust, the Masonic Fraternity, court records, and the periodicals of the day have been searched, with the following results, which showed that *neither the Masonic Fraternity nor the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had any part whatever in the removal of the remains from the vault in Trinity*



HEALTH OFFICE, Dec 30 1850

Permiſsion is hereby granted to remove the body of Stephen Girard

from Holy Trinity Church Burial ground,

to Girard College

By a Law of the Board of Health, it is required that all Disinterments *shall be done during the day—and the Superintendents of Burial Grounds are prohibited from allowing any dead body to be removed from or interred in their respective grounds, between sunset and sunrise.*

By order of the Board of Health.

Saml P Marks *Clerk.*

Permit for Disinterment of Stephen Girard's Remains.

Church-yard in January 1851. At the final disposition, however, of the remains, September 30, 1851, the Grand Lodge and Masonic Fraternity had charge of the ceremonies.

At the time of the removal in 1851 the old anti-Catholic feeling known as the Native American Movement still lurked in the community, and as it was rumored that the removal of the remains was objected to by the authorities of the German Catholic Church, feeling against them ran high. Then again there had been trouble in the holy Trinity congregation between the trustees and the ecclesiastical authorities. The church had been closed for some time, but a new set of trustees had been elected and the church was reopened, for religious services, November 24, 1850.[1] It was to these trustees that the commissioners of the Girard Trust applied for permission to remove the remains, after having first secured a permit from the Board of Health, dated December 30, 1850.[2] The evident cause for this action of the city authorities nine months prior to the time set for the dedication of the college was the fear that some of the Girard heirs might object to the removal, and would attempt to prevent the disinterment by legal means, if possible, a condition which afterwards, as will appear, proved correct.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. George R. Fisher and A. G. Waterman, in behalf of the commissioners, in attending to their duties, engaged.[3] Simon Gartland, brother of Bishop Gartland of Savannah, the leading undertaker for Catholics of that day, to attend to the removal of the remains.[4]

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[1] Cf. "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," Philadelphia, 1914, p. 100.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 89.

It is stated that Amberg the old German *Totengräber* of the Church,[5] at first refused to permit the opening of the vault, but being told that if the body was not given up it would be taken by force, he went to Bishop Kenrick for instruction, who told him that he must give it up, saying the body ought never to have been buried there—"He was not a Catholic and besides he was a Freemason." It is further stated that Amberg then entered the plea with the bishop that it was Girard's will that he should be buried there, and if he was not so buried the will would be broken and the orphans would suffer, being anxious for any excuse to prevent the body from being given up. He really thought, however, that such a clause was in the will, and that to move the body would be to break the will. We can understand and give him credit for this conduct. When finally the body was exhumed, the outer or wooden coffin was found to be partly decayed. The inner or leaden one was intact. This when taken out was placed in a rough pine box, and taken away in the undertaker's wagon, while the empty wooden coffin was again lowered into the vault.

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[3] Records of Commissioners of Girard Estate.

[4] This was a stroke of policy on the part of the Commissioners of the Girard Estate and City Councils.

[5] Theo. C. Knauff, *The Keystone*, Philadelphia, April 9, 1887, Vol. XX, p. 325.

The exact day when this took place is not definitely known, that it was, however, during the first week of January, 1851 (evidently January 6 or 7), is shown by the records of the Board of Commissioners.[6]

The remains in the original leaden coffin were at once taken to Gartland's establishment, Thirteenth Street, above Chestnut, corner of (now) Clover Street.

> When the Undertaker reached his shop the coffin was placed in the gutter of his yard, after having holes in it to allow such matter to escape as would run therefrom.[7]

Either upon the evening of the day of the exhumation or the day following it had been arranged to open the lead coffin in presence of a number of persons who were members of the City Councils and the Girard Trust. The story goes that, immediately upon raising part of the metal covering, a quantity of gas burst out and was exploded by the flame of a candle, singeing the beard of Mr. Waterman, a member of the committee and one of the City Councils.[8]

The remains, according to the undertaker Gartland, were in a very poor condition, and there was nothing left to distinguish them whatever—a skull and a handful of bones, was all that remained in the casket.

The lead coffin was at once sealed up again, and placed in a new cloth-covered coffin, and, as shown by the commissioners' records, were taken to the college on the ninth of January.

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[6] Minutes of Commissioners of Girard Estate.

[7] *Cf.* Petition of heirs, *Penna. Law Journal Reports*, 5 Clark, p. 68.

[8] Theo. C. Knauff, *The Keystone*, Vol. XX, p. 325.

January 8, 1851, President Lancaster called a meeting of the board of commissioners of the Girard Estate together for the purpose of receiving a report from the committee appointed to examine the condition of the tomb of the late Stephen Girard, and to make such arrangements as will place his remains under and subject to the control of this board.

Mr. Fisher, from said committee, submitted the following report:

To the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Gentlemen:—

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Holy Trinity Church and others having authority in the premises, in relation to the removal of the remains of Stephen Girard, beg leave to report.

That they have attended to the duties assigned to them and having obtained the necessary authority, have removed the remains from the Holy Trinity Church Yard to the premises of Mr. S. Gartland, undertaker, 21 S. Thirteenth Street, where they await the action of the Board.

Geo. R. Fisher,
A. G. Waterman.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved—That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils be requested to call a meeting to-morrow at 12 o'clock M., and that the President of this Board be directed to report to Councils that the remains of the late Stephen Girard are now under the control of the Board, subject to the order of Councils, and that they recommend the removal of the remains privately to such part of the College Grounds as Councils may authorize or direct.

On motion, the president was directed to report the following to Councils, viz:

Resolved—That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be instructed to remove privately the remains of the late Stephen Girard and to deposit or inter the same in such place as the Board may deem expedient and appropriate at the Girard College for Orphans. 1851, Jan. 9.

The president stated that the following resolution had been adopted by councils at a meeting held this morning, to wit:

Resolved—That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be instructed to remove the remains of the late Stephen Girard and to deposit or inter the same at the Girard College for Orphans, in such place as the Board may deem expedient and appropriate.

On motion, it was

Resolved—That the Board will proceed this afternoon at 3½ o'clock to accompany the remains of the late Stephen Girard from Mr. Gartland's premises to the Girard College for Orphans.

The president made the following report, to wit:

The Board of Commissioners of the Girard Estates, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the special meeting held this day at 1 o'clock, proceeded with the remains of the late

Stephen Girard to the Girard College, where, after some appropriate ceremonies, conducted by the President of the College, were had in presence of the Orphans, Teachers, &c., they deposited the remains in the north west room in the third story of the College, first placing the coffin in a cedar case, and screwing and sealing the same; the room was locked by me and the key placed in possession of the President of the College.

P. B. LANCASTER,
Pres't., Board of Commrs.

January 11, 1851, the following note of thanks was sent to the Trustees of the Church:[9]

OFFICE COMMRS. GIRARD ESTATES,
Philda., 11th January, 1851.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Board, held on Thursday last, the following resolution was adopted, viz: Resolved, That the thanks of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be tendered to the Trustees of the Church of the Holy Trinity for the authority given, and facilities afforded, in exhuming and removing the remains of the late Stephen Girard from their churchyard.

Extract from the minutes.

SAM WILCOX,
Secretary B. C. G. E.

Approved.

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[9] *Cf.* "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," Philadelphia, 1914, p. 88. Original in possession of the Church authorities.

March 6, 1851, Mr. Fisher from the "Committee on the removal of the remains of the late Stephen Girard" presented the following bills to the Board of the Commissioners for the expenses of the same:[10]

Simon Gartland, Undertaker	$98.75
P. Vivian, Watchman	3.00
F. Clark, Disintering remains	10.00
	$110.75

As the arrangements for the final disposition of the remains of the great philanthropist were being completed by the city authorities, an invitation was sent to Brother William Whitney, Grand Master of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, asking that the Fraternity participate in the ceremonies, in response to the following resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Girard Estate.

1851, July 10.

Mr Snowden offered the following:

Whereas it is the intention of the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia to take a final disposition of the remains of the late Stephen Girard; and they having intrusted the matter to the Commissioners of the Girard Estates; and Whereas Mr. Girard was a member of the Masonic Order, and the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania being one of his legatees; Therefore be it

Resolved—that the Masonic Order of the State of Pennsylvania be invited to participate in the Ceremonies to take place in the month of September next, and that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Grand Lodge; and be it further

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[10] Records of Commissioners of Girard Estate.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Snowden, Waterman and Fisher on the Committee.

Whereupon the Grand Master convened the Grand Lodge in a Special Grand Communication August 4, 1851, as he stated in consequence of having received and accepted an invitation from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates to participate in the ceremonies of reinterring the remains of our late brother and benefactor Stephen Girard.

He then read the following correspondence.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, GIRARD ESTATES.

PHIL., July 11th, 1851.

TO WILLIAM WHITNEY, ESQR., *Grand Master of the Masonic Order of the State of Pennsylvania.*

Sir, At a meeting of this Board held last evening, the following resolution was adopted, viz:— "Resolved that the Masonic Order of the State of Penna, be invited to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Mr Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, and that a Committee of Three be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

"Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Snowden, Waterman and Fisher on said Committee."

Extract from the Minutes.

SAML. WILCOX,
Secy. Commrs. Girard Estates.

To which the Grand Master replied as follows:

PHILADA. July 21st, 1851.

SAMUEL WILCOX, ESQR., *Secy:*

Dear Sir, In reply to the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners Girard Estates inviting the Masonic Order of the State of Penna, to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, I would beg leave to state, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and the Order generally in this state, that your kind invitation is accepted.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge will be happy to meet the Committee of Three (whom you have appointed for that purpose) at an early day to make the necessary arrangements

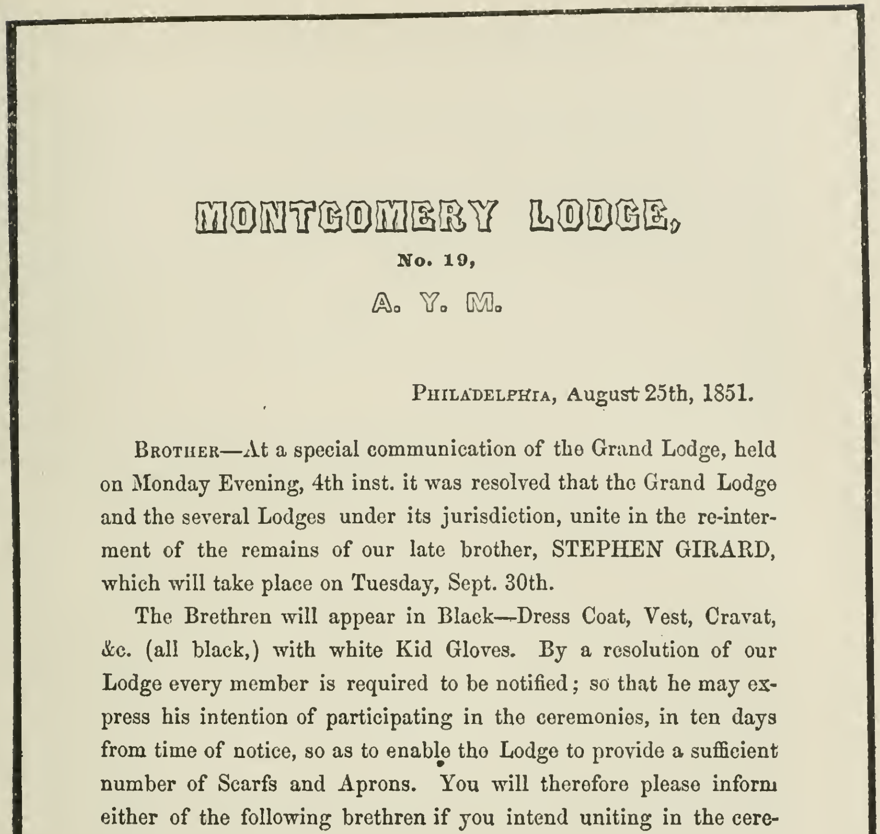
Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, in a very neat and appropriate address proposed the following preamble and resolution which was adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the city authorities to remove the remains of the late Stephen Girard, from their present position to, the tomb prepared for the same within the College grounds, and they have invited the Grand Lodge to participate in the ceremony.

AND WHEREAS, it will be eminently proper for the Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction to pay a tribute of respect to the remains of our deceased Brother, on their

Specimen Notice



MONTGOMERY LODGE,

No. 19,

A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 25th, 1851.

Brother—At a special communication of the Grand Lodge, held on Monday Evening, 4th inst. it was resolved that the Grand Lodge and the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, unite in the re-interment of the remains of our late brother, STEPHEN GIRARD, which will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 30th.

The Brethren will appear in Black—Dress Coat, Vest, Cravat, &c. (all black,) with white Kid Gloves. By a resolution of our Lodge every member is required to be notified; so that he may express his intention of participating in the ceremonies, in ten days from time of notice, so as to enable the Lodge to provide a sufficient number of Scarfs and Aprons. You will therefore please inform either of the following brethren if you intend uniting in the ceremonies.

GEORGE K. CHILDS,
No. 114 Spruce Street.
ALFRED COOPER,
No. 109 Market Street.
S. S. BISHOP,
No. 36 North Wharves.
R. STIRLING WILSON,
No. 65 Dock Street.

Specimen Notice of Lodge No. 19 to Unite with Grand Lodge and other Lodges at the Final Disposition of Girard's Remains.

removal from the present temporary resting place, to that of their final repose beneath the College founded by his munificence, and destined to carry his name to the remotest posterity:

And Whereas, it is desirable that this tribute on our part should be in accordance with the sentiments and habits which marked the character of our benefactor, and be acceptable because of its simplicity, uniformity and impressiveness, therefore,

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction will unite with the City Authorities on the occasion referred to under the order and direction of the Rt. W. G. Master.

Resolved, that each individual Brother shall be required to attend in a full suit of black dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall alone wear the full Masonic regalia of their respective stations.

Resolved, that to secure uniformity and economy, the said sashes and aprons shall be furnished under the direction of the Grand Officers, each subordinate Lodge notifying them in time of the number it will require and paying the first cost thereof.

Notices similar to the following were sent out to the various Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Above I hand you a copy of the Preamble and Resolutions adopted at a special Meeting of the Grand Lodge held last evening.

The Ceremonies referred to will take place on Tuesday the 30th of September next.

A cordial invitation is now extended to you, and the members of your Lodge to be present and participate in said ceremonies of respect to the memory of one who has done so much for our Institution.

You will please give notice immediately to the Grand Secretary of the number likely to be present, from your Lodge, and the number of Aprons and sashes you will require agreeably to the above Resolution.

Very truly and respectfully yours &c.

William Whitney,
Grand Master of G. L. of Pa.

As the time drew near for the proposed ceremonial re-interment, the fears of the Commissioners of the Girard Trust and City Councils were realized, that attempts would be made by some of the heirs to prevent by legal means, the placing of the remains in the marble sarcophagus in the vestibule of Girard College.

These heirs contended that Girard had, by the terms of his will, desired burial in consecrated ground, that the removal was illegal, and they attempted to take out an injunction to prevent the interment at the College with Masonic ritual. The agitation was further enhanced by the reports that the Masons throughout the State had determined to march in the funeral procession with extraordinary pomp and numbers, it being their first public demonstration after the anti-Masonic excitement caused by the murder of Morgan.

It appears that the opposing heirs prior to the filing of the petition in Court for an injunction, had the tomb of Girard in Trinity Church yard again opened, and the empty wooden coffin brought to the surface. Simon Gartland and James McGinnis, his assistant, had charge of this matter. Quoting the Catholic accounts (*American Catholic Historical Researches,* Vol. 28, pp. 17–20) two boys, James O'Reilly and Andrew Jackson Reilly, later Crier of the Court of Common Pleas, who were present at the time, "state that as the coffin was raised and reached the surface of the ground, and explosion (?) occurred, with a detonating sound like the heavy striking of a bass drum.[11] Everybody fell back except McGinnis, who supported his employer. The lid was raised, one side was wrecked. On looking into the Coffin there was no vestige of the body, not even a button, or shreds of cloth,[12] though something might have spilled back into the vault. The empty coffin was hastily placed into a box prepared for it and taken to Gartland's establishment."[13]

Following is an account of the efforts made by the opposing heirs to obtain an injunction against the reinterment of Girard's remains with Masonic honors, together with the order of the Court, refusing to grant a special injunction.

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[11] Evidently caused by a part of the broken coffin which fell back into the vault. J. F. S.

[12] *As a matter of fact the lead coffin with the remains had been removed in the previous January.*

[13] *Cf.* "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," p. 89.

In the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia. In Equity.

In Re Stephen Girard.

September 26, 1851.

Judges Edward King, Parsons and Kelly.

1. Equity will restrain the removal of a body from a common burial ground, against the consent of the relatives of the deceased.

2. But the Court cannot interfere where the body has been actually removed under claim of right before final hearing, to compel the restoration of the body to its former place of interment.

3. The Councils of the City of Philadelphia having removed the remains of the late Stephen Girard from the burying ground of a church in which he had directed them by his will to be placed, and left them temporarily with an undertaker in order to a subsequent removal to a Sarcophagus at Girard College, accompanied by Masonic and other ceremonies, the consent of the Board of Health and of the trustees of the church having been previously obtained to the removal, a preliminary injunction asked for by Mr. Girard's relatives was refused.

4. If the executors of a deceased decline interfering in such a case, the relatives may be parties alone.

This was a motion for an injunction to restrain the City authorities from depositing the remains of the late Stephen Girard, at the Girard College.

Mr. Girard directed in his will, that his remains should be buried in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, near the remains of his relatives, being in the Catholic faith while in life.

It is alleged that the city authorities forcibly disintered the remains from their resting-place in the Trinity Church grounds and placed them in the custody of an undertaker, who took them to his place of business, where he has kept them ever since. It is further alleged, that the undertaker bored holes in the coffin to allow such matter to escape as would run therefrom, and that he placed the coffin containing the remains in the gutter of his yard. It is the intention of the city authorities to place the remains of Mr. Girard in a Sarcophagus constructed for that purpose. It appears that the city obtained permits from the Board of Health and trustees of the church to disinter the remains.

Messrs. *Dallas* and *Cuyler,* who appeared for the executors of Stephen Girard, stated that the heirs had never been consulted,[14] and contended that the remains should be replaced in the grave from whence they were taken, as they had been removed from their resting-place illegally, and in violation of the deceased's request.

Mr. *Olmstead* appeared for the city, and denied the allegations of the executors.

Mr. *Dallas* asked that the remains may be permited to remain where they are, or be ordered back to their former resting-place, until the court could decide the question before it.

Judge King suggested, that the applicants for an injunction had better permit the city to proceed with her ceremonies, and place the body in the Sarcophagus at the Girard

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[14] 1851, Jan. 23. The following resolution had been adopted by the Board of Commissioners:

Resolved, That the President, in connection with the City Solicitor, be requested to communicate with the relatives of the late Stephen Girard, in relation to the re-internment of his remains, and their wishes in regard to the same.

College, until the question can be decided, as it is a novel one, and will require examination.

This was objected to.

Mr. Olmstead contended that the legal title to the remains was in the city, who had the possession, and not to the relatives or executors.

Judge King suggested that the remains be put into the Sarcophagus and placed behind his statue, for safe keeping, without any ceremony, until the decision could be had.

Messrs. *Dallas* and *Cuyler* were willing that this should be done, but some difficulty occured as to dispensing with the ceremony. Mr Waterman, of the Common Council, was present, and said, that, so far as he was concerned he would agree to it, but he could not control the Masonic Order in their contemplated ceremony. he thought it better so to deposit the body than to permit it to remain in a garret, where it is alleged it now is.

Judge King said, that as it was alleged the the depositing of the remains of the deceased at the College would be offensive to the feelings of his relatives, he thought it would be better to suffer the question to remain until to-morrow morning, to see whether some agreement coul not be made between the parties as to where the body shall be kept until a decision can be had.

The suggestion was agreed to.

At the opening of the Court, on Saturday, September 26. 1851, Mr *Olmstead* stated that no agreement had been entered into by the parties in relation to the disposition of the remains of Stephen Girard

Mr. *Cuyler* replied that they were agreed that the body should be placed in the Sarcophagus without any ceremony, until the Court could decide, and asked that the body be enjoined.

Mr. *Olmstead* said they could have no control over the ceremonies of the Masons, as they had invited their fellows from all parts of the country to participate in it, and that portion of the matter was under their immediate control. He said he had nothing to add to what he said yesterday. He quoted Blackstone to show that the relatives had no title in the bones or ashes of their ancestors. There were no religious ceremonies contemplated, and the petitioners could not object with any show of reason on that ground.

J. M. Read Esq., appeared for another of Girard's relatives, John F. Girard, who was one of the heirs at law of Stephen Girard. This heir had often informed him that he was in favor of the removal of the remains as contemplated by the City. This settled the matter as to one of the relatives. According to Blackstone, the remains are not the property of any body, and therefore could not be the subject of larceny, and consequently not the subject of a special injunction in the form asked for.

The relatives, at the original interment, did invite, among others, the Masonic Order. The objection to the burial now, with the Masonic ceremony, can have no merit in it.

The plaintiffs have no title to the body. If any body has a title, it would be the executors, who had charge of the body until it was buried.

Have the parties, applying for the injunction been in time? They have been lying by for months, and now within a few days of its re-interment, after persons from all parts of the United States are on their way to join in the ceremonies by invitation, they ask for an injunction. No religious ceremony will be observed at the interment, and consequently the religious feelings of the petitioners will not be wounded.

Mr. *Dallas* replied to Mr. *Read.* He said no one had a higher respect for Stephen Girard and the Order of Masons to which he belonged, than himself. He was about to pay proper respect to his remains by insisting that a due regard should be paid to a public benefactor. Has the City the right to violate the graves of deceased persons? And is this Order of Masons prepared to allow the remains of their deceased Members to be taken from the grave and treated as the bill sets forth this body has been treated! His last dying request was that he should be buried as he was origanally buried, in the place indicated by him. His body or his bones were of no value to any body; but he would call upon his fellow Masons and the City authorities to religiously carry out his dying request.

His Executors, after his death, suggested that he should be placed in Ronaldson's burying ground, temporarily, until a Monument could be erected at the College contemplated in his will; but his relatives interposed, and said no, let his last dying wishes be respected, and placed him in the tomb of the friends he designated in his will. The Roman Catholic bishop and the Clergy attended his funeral with the Masons, but the former withdrew when the Masonic ceremonies were about to commence. The ground, however, was consecrated ground. We, who are Protestants, may not perhaps regard this as much. But let us see who is going to throw the first stone. Toleration must be acknowledged in its widest sense, and the feelings of his relatives who are of the Catholic faith, must be respected.

This tomb was violently broken open, and the sepulchre profaned without the knowledge of his relatives. Let any one of us say whether we would permit the graves of our ancestors thus to be violated. What has been done with his body? Taken to the garret of the undertaker, and exposed to shocking indignities. The coffin has been penetrated, and the substance of his body allowed to run out into the common gutter. Do not talk of respect for the grave, when the dead body is subject to such indignities. When his relatives heard of this treatment they did write on and protest against it, and ask that the body be again consigned to its original resting-place. Nothing is communicated to the heirs until the day is fixed for the re-interment, and then the city invites the heirs to be present at the ceremony. There may have been the delay of a few weeks. But when was the invitation sent them? On the day the bill was filed; and yet it is asked this delay is to cure all difficulties.

The bill does not contain the slightest word against the honorable body of Masons. It only asks that the City shall not place the body where they admit the city can exercise no control over it. A dozen or a hundred persons may go into the College, open the Sarcophagus, and do with the body just what has been done by the undertaker. The City cannot control them, as the College is under the control of officers of its own body. Now as to the right of the body. Does the admission of Mr. Fabricus Girard, that he is in favor of the body being placed in the College, deprive the other heirs of their rights? He is in Officer of the College, and may be supposed to act from interested motives. He has been but recently elected, and it is but natural to suppose, that he does not wish to give offence to those who can dismiss him: and therefore sanctions the removal. By his will, he orders his old clothes to be given to the College, to be kept there as a Memorial of him, as was the case with Washington, in another instance; but he does not even intimate that his body is to go there. Stealing a body from the grave for the purpose of re-interring it, has been said not to be actionable at law. This might puzzle a lawyer, but there were sacred feelings in the human heart that were not to be trifled with.

Judge King remarked, that he settled this question yesterday, by stating, that a Court of Chancery would act, and that it was not worth while to labor on that point.

Mr. *Dallas* resumed; that the decision of Judge Story was full to the points that he had pressed upon the attention of the Court. Judge Story holds "that the remedy must be sought, if at all; in the protecting power of a Court of Chancery, operating by its injunction to preserve the repose of the ashes of the dead and the religious sensibilities of the living." The executors do not appear to claim, as there are no executors; they, while acting, delivered the body over to the heirs. It is said they have no property in the remains now. But they took the leaden coffin, to which the heirs have a right, and the grave clothes. The doctrine of the city is, "the first who grabs shall keep." Under this doctrine graves may be violated with impunity, and the religious feelings of a whole community shocked. The bill asks that the body may be ordered back to the Vault from which it was taken. But he and his colleague had agreed that it should be placed in the Sarcophagus without ceremony, until the question could be determined finally and definitely.

The relatives of Stephen Girard cannot agree to any definite arrangement in the disposition of the body, where ceremonies to which they object are to be observed,

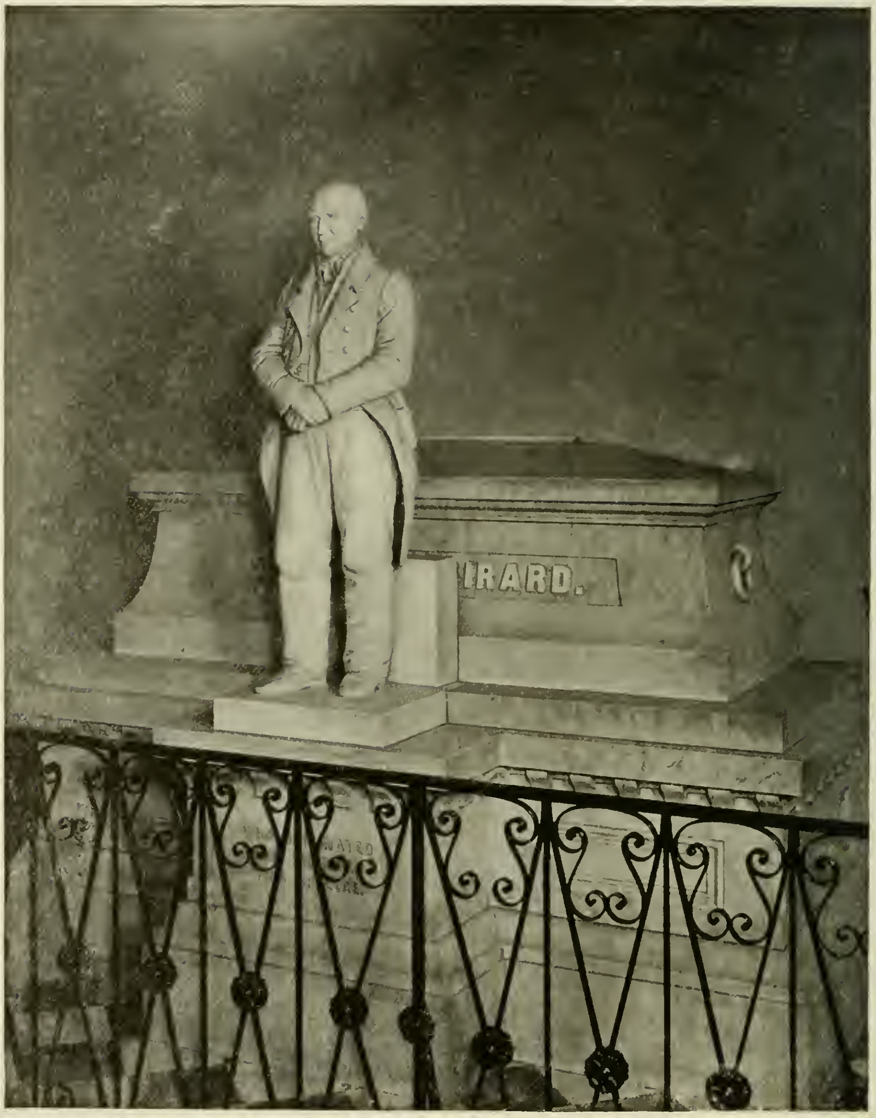
Judge King said that the question involved in the case, was of more than ordinary interest. No analogous could be found in the English or American annals. Is there not that in our laws which guarantees the Security of the Sepulchre? If any person in mere wantonness, should break into the grave, and take away the body, the criminal law would furnish a remedy. And it would even act in a preventive manner. In cases like the present, however, the law has furnished no remedy.

It is proper, therefore, that a Court of Chancery should provide a remedy. Where a person was buried in a common burying ground, where the title did not pass, the law did not furnish a remedy in reference to a removal; but a chancellor would intervene, to prevent the desecration of the grave, otherwise bloodshed and violence would be the consequence. If I had been applied to, before the removal of the body, I would have interfered. But this is not the case here. The city claims as the risiduary legatee, and her motive was to indicate respect and honor for the memory of the man.

If the executors chose to disclaim it, they might have done so, if they were executors, but if, they disclaimed, the relatives might be parties alone. In all these aspects a court of equity could interfere. But the body has been removed, and the relatives had a knowledge of it. Even here the Court can interfere;

but ordering the body back to its former place, would be deciding the case. We are not asked to do this now. It would be deciding the case before a hearing. This a court never does in granting a special injunction.

The body must be placed temporarily in some respectable resting place. Where so proper a place as in the Sarcophagus at Girard College, instead of the garret where it now is? The final decision of this case, from its nature, cannot be given under six or nine months, and then an appeal lies to the Supreme Court. How much better then to have it deposited in the place contemplated than to have it a weight upon the



BROTHER STEPHEN GIRARD.

STATUE AND SARCOPHAGUS, MAIN BUILDING, GIRARD COLLEGE.

community. This appears to have been agreed upon by both parties.

The difficulty, however, appears to be about the ceremony. Some persons must deposit the body, as it is to be deposited, and what difference does it make whether few or many attend the interment? or whether the Masons or any other body attend? No religious ceremonies are in contemplation. He would therefore refuse the special injunction to the extent prayed for, and suffer the city to proceed to inter the body temporarily, until its final resting place should be determined by the Court.[15]

The Board of the Girard Estate after the removal of the remains to the college had a sarcophagus of Italian marble prepared by the firm of M. & P. Baird, of Philadelphia, at a cost of $1,472.50, wherein what was left of the great philanthropist was to be placed with Masonic ritual. The day set for this final ceremony was Tuesday, September 30, 1851.

In addition to the Masonic Fraternity, invitations were extended by the board to

Select and Common Councils, of the City of Philadelphia,

The Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City,

The President, Board of Directors and Secretary of Girard College,

Relatives of the late Stephen Girard, together with the Officers of the Trust, the City Treasurer, the

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[15] *Cf. American Law Journal,* Vol. IV, p. 97; also *Philadelphia Public Ledger,* Sept. 29, 1851; also *Records and Researches of the American Catholic Historical Society,* Vol. 28, pp. 17–20.

City Clerk, the Superintendent and Register of the Watering Committee, the City Solicitor, the City Surveyor, and the City Commissioners.

These parties were to assemble in the chamber of the Common Council at ten o'clock on the morning of the thirtieth of September.

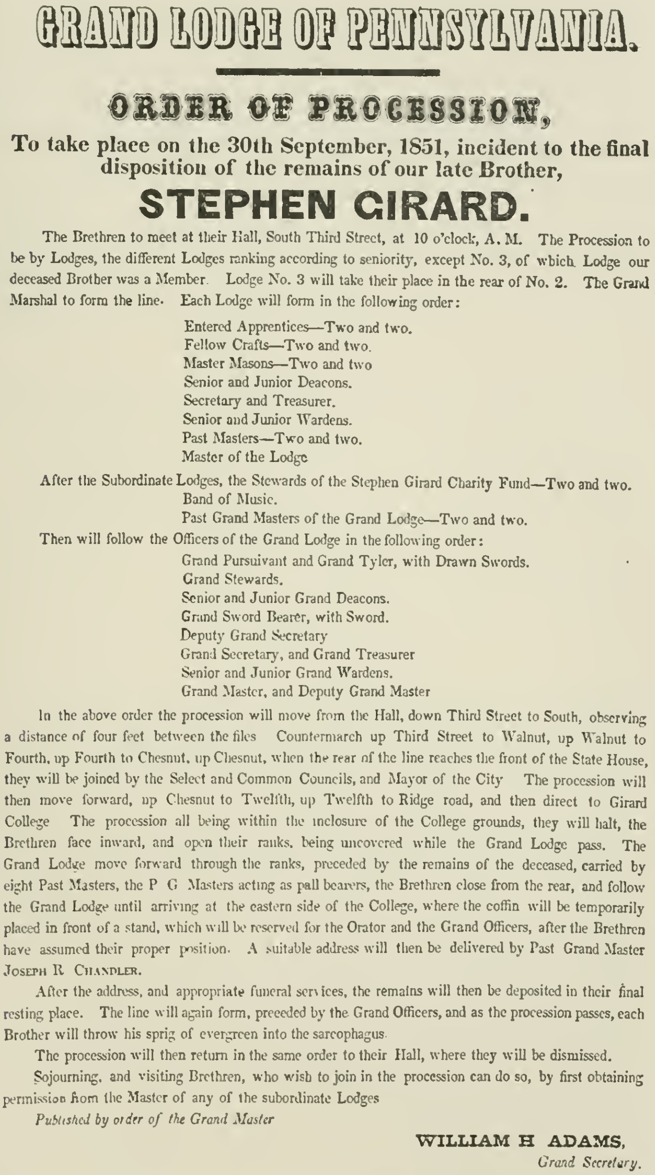
This being the first public procession of the Masonic Fraternity since the Anti-Masonic blight had swept over the State, great preparations were made by the Grand Lodge to make the pageant imposing and impressive.

The following advertisement was inserted in the daily papers of September 22, 1851:

> "MASONIC PARADE. The order will have a grand parade on Tuesday, the 30th inst., upon the occasion of the re-interment of the remains of the late Stephen Girard in the College grounds. The address will be delivered by the Honorable Joseph R Chandler."

Orders were issued to the Blue Lodges to insure uniformity of dress, as set forth by the Grand Lodge at the Special Communication, August 4, the latter furnishing the blue silk scarfs and white aprons trimmed with blue. A number of these scarfs and aprons are in the Museum collection.

On the morning of September 30 the various subordinate Lodges met at different points at nine o'clock, forenoon, and proceeded to the hall on South Third Street, where the Grand Lodge was assembled. Here



GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ORDER OF PROCESSION,

To take place on the 30th September, 1851, incident to the final disposition of the remains of our late Brother,

STEPHEN GIRARD.

The Brethren to meet at their Hall, South Third Street, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Procession to be by Lodges, the different Lodges ranking according to seniority, except No. 3, of which Lodge our deceased Brother was a Member. Lodge No. 3 will take their place in the rear of No. 2. The Grand Marshal to form the line. Each Lodge will form in the following order:

Entered Apprentices—Two and two.
Fellow Crafts—Two and two.
Master Masons—Two and two
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters—Two and two.
Master of the Lodge

After the Subordinate Lodges, the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund—Two and two.
Band of Music.
Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge—Two and two.

Then will follow the Officers of the Grand Lodge in the following order:

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, with Drawn Swords.
Grand Stewards.
Senior and Junior Grand Deacons.
Grand Sword Bearer, with Sword.
Deputy Grand Secretary
Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master

In the above order the procession will move from the Hall, down Third Street to South, observing a distance of four feet between the files Countermarch up Third Street to Walnut, up Walnut to Fourth, up Fourth to Chesnut, up Chesnut, when the rear of the line reaches the front of the State House, they will be joined by the Select and Common Councils, and Mayor of the City The procession will then move forward, up Chesnut to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Ridge road, and then direct to Girard College The procession all being within the inclosure of the College grounds, they will halt, the Brethren face inward, and open their ranks, being uncovered while the Grand Lodge pass. The Grand Lodge move forward through the ranks, preceded by the remains of the deceased, carried by eight Past Masters, the P G Masters acting as pall bearers, the Brethren close from the rear, and follow the Grand Lodge until arriving at the eastern side of the College, where the coffin will be temporarily placed in front of a stand, which will be reserved for the Orator and the Grand Officers, after the Brethren have assumed their proper position. A suitable address will then be delivered by Past Grand Master Joseph R Chandler.

After the address, and appropriate funeral services, the remains will then be deposited in their final resting place. The line will again form, preceded by the Grand Officers, and as the procession passes, each Brother will throw his sprig of evergreen into the sarcophagus.

The procession will then return in the same order to their Hall, where they will be dismissed.

Sojourning, and visiting Brethren, who wish to join in the procession can do so, by first obtaining permission from the Master of any of the subordinate Lodges

Published by order of the Grand Master

WILLIAM H ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Notice of Order of Procession at Reburial of Stephen Girard, September 30, 1851.

the line was formed, according to the date of their institution, the left being in front, except of Lodge No. 3, of which Lodge Girard was then supposed to have been a member. This arrangement placed Lodge No. 3 in the rear of No. 2.

It was not until eleven o'clock that the Grand Marshal, Bro. James B. Baggs, gave orders to move the procession.

Following is the order of the procession, showing the various Masonic bodies that were in line:

PENNSYLVANIA CORNET BAND.
Grand Marshal, James B. Baggs.
Shekinah Lodge, No. 246.
Chandler Lodge, of Reading, No. 227.
Kensington Lodge, No. 211.
Integrity Lodge, No. 187.
FREEMASON'S WASHINGTON BRASS BAND.
Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186.
Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158.
Schuylkill Lodge, of Schuylkill Co., No. 138.
Franklin Lodge, No. 134.
FRANKFORD BRASS BAND.
Phœnix Lodge, No. 130.
Rising Star Lodge, No. 126.
Hermann Lodge, No. 125.
Union Lodge, No. 121.
St. John's Lodge, No. 115.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 114.

Columbia Lodge, No. 91.

Hiram Lodge, No. 81.

BAILEY'S INDEPENDENT BRASS BAND.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 71.

Concordia Lodge, No. 67.

Washington Lodge, No. 52.

Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

Lodge No. 51.

Lodge No. 43, of Lancaster.

Bristol Lodge, No. 25.

BECK'S PHILADELPHIA BAND.

Montgomery Lodge, No. 19.

Lodge No. 9.

Lodge No. 2.

Lodge No. 3.

The stewards of the Girard Charity Fund came next, and were followed by the PHILADELPHIA GRAY'S BAND.

The Grand Lodge occupied the left, as the post of honor.

The procession marched down Third Street on the west side to South Street, countermarching on the east side up Third to Walnut, up Walnut to Fourth, up Fourth to Chestnut, up Chestnut.

When the rear of the line reached the front of the State House, they were joined by members of the City Councils and officers of the Corporation.

The procession then moved up Chestnut to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Ridge Road, thence direct to the college grounds, where it arrived a short time before one o'clock. The head of the procession passed in and around the immense walks of the college grounds, going nearly the whole circuit before the rear arrived within the enclosure. The ranks were then opened and the Grand Lodge, the corporate authorities, and the remains of Girard passed through the lines, making a full circuit of the walks, and passing to the front and east side of the main building of the college.

The remains of the deceased were contained in a handsome coffin, covered with black cloth and a Masonic apron, and was borne by eight Past Masters of the Order. The four Past Grand Masters acting as pall bearers, on arriving at the platform on the eastern side of the main building, were placed in front of the speaker's stand and the officers of the Grand Lodge, civil authorities, stewards and a number of others took their places on the staging behind and around the bier. The main body of the Order were then brought into close column, or mass, between the staging and the college, where they stood to hear the oration. The several movements of the line inside of the enclosure, in passing from the gate to the stage, over the winding paths, were exceedingly picturesque and displayed the whole body to great advantage.

When the procession had formed in front of the speaker's stand, and the orphans, to the number of three hundred, were arranged on the steps of the college, a Masonic dirge, composed expressly for the occasion, by Dr. W. P. Cunnington, the accomplished leader of the orchestra of the Walnut Street Theatre, was performed by Beck's Philadelphia Brass Band, assisted by several of the members of Dr. Cunnington's orchestra and some of the Freeman's Washington and the Pennsylvania cornet bands.

The music was a beautiful piece of composition, solemn, impressive and grand, and was performed in an excellent manner on thirty-one instruments.

At the conclusion of the dirge the Hon. Joseph R. Chandler delivered an elaborate eulogy in a clear and distinct voice.[16]

After the orator had closed his remarks, William Whitney, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, made a short address, in which he introduced the usual remarks, and referred to the ceremonies peculiar to the funeral of a Mason. The dirge was then repeated by the band and the line was reformed and the coffin carried to the vestibule of the college, where it was deposited in the beautiful marble sarcophagus constructed in the rear of the statue of Girard.

The procession passed through the college, each member placing the sprig of evergreen carried by him in the coffin as they walked by it; and the whole then returned from the solemn ceremonies at the college to the Masonic Hall, where the parade was dismissed.

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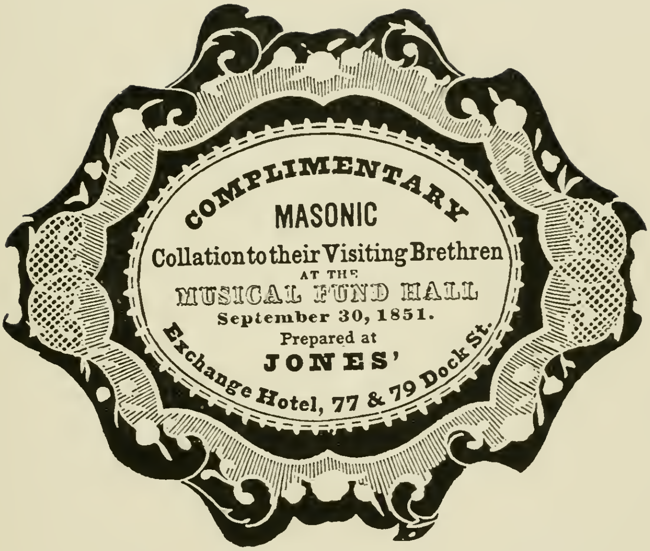
[16] *Cf.* Appendix A, Reprint of Minutes, Volume VIII, pp. 479–492.

In the evening of the day, a complimentary Masonic collation was given by the Grand Lodge to their visiting brethren at the Musical Fund Hall on Locust Street above Eighth. One of the menus has come down to us. The collation was prepared at Jones' Exchange Hotel, 77 and 79 Dock Street, who were the leading caterers in the city at that time.

The following account of the affair was inserted in the minutes of Lodge No. 2, October 20, 1851, as it states as a memorial for the future Pursuant to an Invitation given to the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania by the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, which invitation was extended by the R. W. G. M. to all the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies attending the re-interment of the remains of our deceased Br. Stephen Girard.

Lodge No. 2, A.Y.M. met at the American Hotel, Chestnut St, below Sixth by invitation of Br. Ambrose J. White, on the morning of the 30th of September at 8½ Oclock, A.D.1851, A.L.5851, when the Brethren being properly formed by the W. M. they proceeded to the Hall Sth 3rd St. they united with the other subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Lodge in procession to the Girard College, and there participated in the solemn and sublime Ceremonies of the occasion. There were upwards One Thousand Five Hundred in the procession. Lodge No. 2 being represented by the following Brethren & Visitors



COMPLIMENTARY
MASONIC
Collation to their Visiting Brethren
AT THE
MUSICAL FUND HALL
September 30, 1851.
Prepared at
JONES'
Exchange Hotel, 77 & 79 Dock St.

MENU OF THE MASONIC COLLATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1851.

ORIGINAL IN ARCHIVES, MSS., VOL. B, FOLIO.

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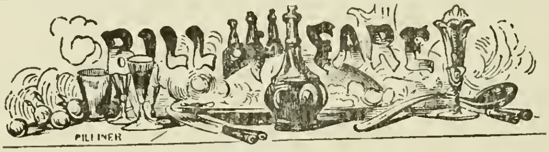
MASONIC COLLATION,

AT THE

MUSICAL FUND HALL,

Tuesday Evening, September 30, 1851.



Stewed Oysters,
Fried do
Broiled do

COLD DISHES.

Sweetbreads, with Jelly,
Larded Young Chickens, with Jelly,
Lobster Salad,
Chicken Salad,
Boned Turkeys, (en casse,)
Boned Chickens,
Roast Chickens,
Raised Pie of Turkey.

Beef Alamode,
Pressed Corned Beef,
Roast Beef,
Roast Pigs,
Beef Tongues, with Jelly,
Veal Collars,
Boiled Hams, with Jelly,
Buffalo Tongues.

DESSERT.

Vanilla Ice Cream,
Lemon Ice Cream,
Strawberry Ice Cream,
Pine Apple Ice Cream,
Jellies, various flavors,

FRUIT.

Grapes,
Apples,
Pears,
Almonds,
Raisins.

CHAMPAGNE.

Geisler, . . .	$2 00
Mumans Anchor, . .	2 00

MADEIRA.

London Particular,	$2 00
Superior Cadwallader, 1818,	2 00

SHERRY.

George IV, pale, 18 yrs. old,	$2 00
Cabinet, . . .	2 00

HOCK.

Brauneberg, . .	$1 00
Johannisberger, .	1 00

☞ Gentlemen ordering Wine will please send the money with their Card.

Moran & Sickels, Prs.

(OVER)

Thomas Graham,
Joseph Davis,
Ambrose J. White,
Jacob Gumple,
Wm Robertson,
Chauncey Bulkley,
James D. Whetham,
Samuel Norris
Lewis Bitting
James B. Smith
Henry Lelar,
Nathan^{l} Moseley,
Joseph Tallman,
Joseph Nicholls,
Henry J. Grout
Stephen McNutt,
J. F. Cunningham,
Morris Hess,
John Busman,

William Loper
Joseph L. Moss.
James Thomas
Sol^{n} Isaacs
William Lawrence
Jas Landsdown
Wm K. Suter
Smith Crowell
Charles Dobson
Henry Talley
F^{rs} Blackburn
John J. Weight

Capt Clark,	Mulford, Del
“ Watson,	“ “ “
Br Jones,	“ “ “
“ Lofland	“ “ “
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“ Aikin	“ “ “
“ Dawson	“ “ “
“ McCombs,	“ “ “
“ Sharpe,	“ “ “

WITH the beginning of the second half of the Eighteenth Century new life was infused into the various Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction, as is shown by the Roster of Lodge No. 2, which culminated in a desire to once again have a meeting place on the hallowed ground on Chestnut Street, the site of the Hall of 1811 and 1820.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 21, 1850

Present 7 members & 10 visitors

Officers installed

''On motion of Br James E. Richardson it was Resolved, that this Lodge in consequence of the exhausted state of the funds, do not deem it expedient to make any appropriation for Charity untill the amount in the Treasurer's hands shall equal three hundred dollars.''

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 1850

Present 12 members & 28 visitors

STATED MEETING, MARCH 15, 1850

Present 11 members & 19 visitors

STATED MEETING, APRIL 15, 1850

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, MAY 20, 1850

Stated Meeting, June 17, 1850

Present 8 members & 16 visitors

By dispensation Napoleon Le Brun, Passed to the Chair.

Stated Meeting, July 15, 1850

Present 8 members and 7 visitors

"It being announced from the Chair that since the last Stated Meeting the Lodge, had been called on to pay the last said tribute of respect to the remains of a Worthy Brother, James E. Richardson.

"The following resolutions were offered by the W. M. and unanimously adopted.

"Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to take from among us, our late Worthy Br and Treasurer, James E. Richardson, endeared to us, by his many virtues and amiable qualities.

"Therefore Resolved, That we appreciated him as a Mason, and a man, we the more sincerely lament the dispensation that has deprived this Lodge of a worthy member, and whilst we acknowledge with submission the Divine Will, Resolved,

"That the Regalia of the Lodge be clothed in mourning for the space of three months, Resolved,

"That the Secretary be requested to present a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased."

The W.M. was pleased to appoint Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer.

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 19, 1850

Present 8 members & 15 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1850

Present 13 members & 12 visitors

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1850

Present 9 members & 14 visitors

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 1850

Present 8 members & 16 visitors

Petition of N. B. Moseley, late of Hampden Lodge Massachusetts for Membership was received this evening.

This being Election night, the following were duly elected, Viz

Br Thomas Graham, W. M.
" Joseph Davis, S.W. Br Ambrose J. White, J.W. Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer, Br Nicholas H. Maguire Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 20, 1851

Present 13 members & 16 visitors

Officers duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz

Br James P. Landsdown, S. D.
" Edward A. Moss, J. D.
" William B. Schneider, Tyler.

Stated Meeting, February 17, 1851

Present 20 members & 21 visitors

By dispensation Br John Healy (of Lodge No 187) Passed to the Chair

N. B. Moseley, duly elected

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Stated Meeting, March 17, 1851

Present 19 members & 19 visitors

Stated Meeting, April 21, 1851

Present 19 members & 19 visitors

"Lodge was honored by a visit from the R. W. J. Grand Warden James Hutchinson."

Adjourned Meeting, April 23, 1851

Present 11 members & 2 visitors

Stated Meeting, May 19, 1851

Petition for membership received from Wm E. Lawrence, late of Phoenixville, Lodge No 75.

By dispensation Bṙ Peter Housum, Passed to the Chair

Stated Meeting, June 16, 1851

Present 20 members & 27 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 1, 1851

Present 7 members & 2 visitors

Captain James Snow, Entered

STATED MEETING, JULY 21, 1851

Present 11 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1851

Present 18 members & 29 visitors

Communication was received from "The R.W.G. Lodge."

On the reading of the Communication, the following Resolutions, on motion made and duly seconded were adopted, to wit. Resolved That, that this Lodge will participate in the said procession incident to the re-interment of Girard's remains on the 30th of Sept. Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to see personally if possible each and every member of the Lodge and report to the Grand Secretary at the earliest moment, how many members of Lodge No 2 will turn out on the 30th of September next.

In conformity with the second Resolution the following Brethren were appointed said Committee viz. Brothers—Blackburn, Robertson, Nichols, Thomas, and Weight.

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 29, 1851

Present 10 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1851

Present 21 members & 25 visitors

''The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Grand Lodge respecting the reinterment of the remains of the late Stephen Girard and inviting this Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies consequent thereon reported, ''That they have attended to the duties assigned to them, and have waited personally on the different members, so far as was in their power, and in obedience to their instructions reported at an early day to the Grand Secretary the result of their inquiries, viz. that at least Thirty members of Lodge No 2 will join in the Procession of the 30th of September.''

''On motion of Br Francis Blackburn it was Resolved that this Lodge procure for the use of its members a sufficient number of white aprons and blue sashes so as to furnish one of each, to each member who will join in the procession on the 30th inst.

On motion Brs Blackburn, White, and Maguire were appointed a Committee to procure a necessary addition to the property of the Lodge.''

SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1851

Present 9 members & 7 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 1851

Present 10 members & 15 visitors

By dispensation Thomas Davis, and James Clarke, Entered, Passed, & Raised

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1851

Present 33 members & 32 visitors

"The Committee to whom was referred the compilation and arrangement of the By Laws of Lodge No. 2,—

Reported; That they have attended to the duties which were assigned them and submit the annexed as the result of their labors.

(Signed) NICHOLAS H. MAGUIRE
FRANCIS BLACKBURN
WILLIAM ROBERTSON

accompanying the report was a revised copy of the By Laws in manuscript, and on motion of Br F. Blackburn, it was Resolved, That when we *adjourn* after the close of our labors this evening we will adjourn untill the 31st inst at six Oclock P.M. inasmuch as a proper consideration of the By Laws cannot be gone into this Evening for the want of sufficient time."

Melchior McGlaughlin, Clement Clarke and Joseph P. Higgs, Entered.

Br J. F. Cunningham, Crafted

Br James Snow, Raised

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 1851

Present 13 members & 2 visitors

"The Secretary read the By Laws at length, when on motion of Br Bulkley, the Lodge was called off from *labor* to refreshments for the space of fifteen minutes in hopes that more members may be in attendance. At the expiration of the allotted time the Lodge was called to *labor* by the W. M. and the Secretary read the By Laws, Section, by Section.''

''Br Bulkley, offered as an amendment to Article 5th an additional Section, to read Section 3rd Article 5th. The W. M. shall appoint after each annual election, at the first meeting a Committee of Charity to Consist of four members, who shall have power to dispense such Charity as the Lodge may authorize to such persons as may be found worthy.''

Stated Meeting, November 7, 1851

Present 28 members & 28 visitors

Charles G. Thomas, Wm Somers, Andrew Epplesheimer, Isaac C. Bryant, John Cody, Levi Rex Peters, Stephen La Barthe, and John Vance, duly elected. Wm Somers, Chas Thomas, Andrew Epplesheimer & John Cody, Entered

Special Meeting, November 26, 1851

Present 18 members & 7 visitors

Special Meeting, December 5, 1851

Present 11 members & 3 visitors

The R. W. G. M. being announced was received with the usual honors, when addressing the W. M. he remarked that he had come at the request of the Secretary by whom he had been informed, that an applicant for Initiation and Membership on regular petition and who had been regularly approved, was about to leave the state and was unable to wait the usual term of probation prescribed by the usages of the Lodge, that furthermore in consequence of the absence of the G. Secty, who had left the city to attend the funeral of a deceased brother, the Lodge had been unable to procure the usual form of dispensation, the he the R. W. G. M. by virtue of the power in him vested, did under the circumstances, empower and authorized the W. M. of this Lodge to pass, and to raise the aforesaid brother, it being understood that the Secretary would at the earliest opportunity, procure a regular dispensation from the G. Lodge."

By dispensation Br Henry Collett, Passed and Raised.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1851

Present 42 members & 33 visitors

The W. M. having announced, this to be the evening appointed for the annual election of officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, Commencing on St Johns day next, Dec 27th 1851, the Lodge proceeded to an election with the following result, to wit.

Br Ambrose J. White, W. M.
" Francis Blackburn, S. W.
" John J. Weight, J. W.
" William Robertson, Treasurer
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

"The following Resolutions offered by Br Blackburn were on motion duly seconded unanimously adopted.

"Resolved, That, The thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Br John Corkrin of Lodge No. 186 for his brotherly Conduct towards us, during the past Masonic year in assisting us in our labors, and that he be requested on all future occasions when visiting this Lodge to take his seat among the members.

"Resolved, That, The Secretary be requested to send Br John Corkrin a copy of the above Resolution."

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. duly installed

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 6, 1852

Present 15 members & 8 visitors

By dispensation Samuel White and William S. Outerbridge, Entered, Passed and Raised.

The W. M. then proceeded to install Br Francis Blackburn as S. W. and Br John J. Weight, as J. W.

"A Communication was received from James Baird, W. M. of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, inviting members of Lodge No. 2, and their Visiting brethren to participate in the banquet of Lodge 158, when on motion the invitation was accepted, and the fraternal acknowledgments of Lodge No. 2, returned to Br Baird."

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 19, 1852

Present 19 members & 11 visitors

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

John Fox, Entered

Six petitions for initiation & membership were received, this evening

Special Meeting, February 16, 1852

Present 13 members, & 6 visitors

Stated Meeting, February 16, 1852

Lodge opened in A. F. at 6¼ oclock.

Present 23 members & 13 visitors

Three petitions for initiation & membership received this evening.

Br Blackburn offered the following Resolutions, which in accordance with the By Laws were laid over. Resolved,

That in order to insure Stability and perpetuity to this Lodge, a permanent fund shall be raised and securely invested, the Interest of which shall be applied to the payment of the Grand Lodge Dues.

That a Committee be appointed consisting of three members, empowered to to procure the requisite furniture for this Lodge.

Special Meeting, February 11, 1852

Present 14 members & 3 visitors

Special Meeting, February 21, 1852

Present 5 members & 3 visitors

Special Meeting, February 24, 1852

Present 4 members & 5 visitors

Stated Meeting, March 15, 1852

Present 25 members & 15 visitors

Thirteen petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Special Meeting, March 27, 1852

Present 7 members & 5 visitors

By dispensation Thomas T. Yeager, Entered, Passed, & Raised

Special Meeting, April 5, 1852

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation George Hayes, E. P. R.

Stated Meeting, April 19, 1852

Present 19 members & 35 visitors

Five petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"The W. M. was pleased to appoint as Committee on Grand Lodge Dues Fund, untill the stated meeting in January, Brs N. H. Maguire, Wm Robertson, & Thomas Graham."

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

Special Meeting, April 22, 1852

Stated Meeting, May 17, 1852

Present 14 members & 15 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

Four petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Present 12 members & 8 visitors

By dispensation Br Lewis B. Jackson of Lodge No. 67, Passed to the Chair.

Special Meeting, April 29, 1852

Present 8 members & 7 visitors

Special Meeting, May 20, 1852

Present 9 members & 6 visitors

Special Meeting, May 2, 1852

Present 9 members & 6 visitors

By dispensation Br Edward Sartori of Lodge No. 15 New Jersey, Passed to the Chair.

Stated Meeting, June 21, 1852.

Present 27 members & 12 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, July 19, 1852

Present 27 members & 27 visitors

E. Corson, Entered

Br Parker H. Warren, Raised

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 4, 1852

Present 11 members & 3 visitors

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 16, 1852

Present 17 members & 10 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1852

Present 5 members & 8 visitors

Br Philip A. Cregar, Raised

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1852

Present 21 members & 12 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 1852

Present 17 members & 6 visitors

C. P. Marshman, Entered.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 1852

Present 29 members & 27 visitors

The sum of 18 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 1852

Present 43 members & 17 visitors

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 1852

Present 50 members & 13 visitors

Brs Paul & Whetham, Tellers reported the following elected, Viz.

Br Francis Blackburn, W. M.
" John J. Weight, S. W.
" Nathaniel B. Moseley, J. W.
" William Robertson, Treasurer.
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1853

Present 12 members & 11 visitors

By dispensation George Russell and F. Whittecar, Entered, Passed & Raised

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1753

Present 61 members & 78 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

''An election was then held for Three Trustees of ''Grand Lodge Dues Fund,''—when Nicholas H. Maguire, Thomas Graham, and Wm Robertson were unanimously chosen.''

''The following communication from the Grand Lodge was received & read.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
SPECIAL GRAND COMMUNICATION
PHILADELPHIA Dec 20th 1852

"On motion of Past Grand Master Br James Page & duly seconded the following Resolution was adopted viz"

"Resolved, That the R. W. G. Master request each subordinate Lodge to furnish forthwith to the R. W. G. Secty the name of one of its Past Masters and a member of the Grand Lodge, and that from the whole number of names thus obtained the R. W. G. M. may appoint seven persons to constitute the Building Committee of the proposed New Hall in Chestnut St."

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed) WM H. ADAMS
Grand Secretary of G. L. of Penna

when in conformity with the above resolution, on motion of Br Wm Robertson, Br Francis Blackburn was selected on the part of Lodge No. 2 as one of the number from which the R. W. G. M. may chose seven to constitute a "Building Committee" of the proposed New Masonic Hall, in Chestnut St.

"During the evening the Lodge was honored by a visit from P. G. M. Wm Whitney, R. W. S. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Secretary, Wm H. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer, John Thompson, and R. W. J. G. W. J. K. Mitchell, who were each received with due honors."

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 1853

Present 5 members & 6 visitors

Special Meeting, February 15, 1853

Present 15 members & 5 visitors

Special Meeting, February 16, 1853

Present 7 members & 4 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, February 21, 1853

Present 47 members & 24 visitors

Eleven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening

Special Meeting, March 5, 1852

Present 4 members & 4 visitors

Special Meeting, March 21, 1853

Present 11 members.

Lodge opened in A. F. at $2\frac{1}{4}$, P. M.

Lodge closed in harmony at 5.20 P.M.

Stated Meeting, March 21, 1853

Present 47 members & 9 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"The R. W. G. M. and his Grand Officers honored the Lodge with a visit."

The sum of 38 dollars granted for Charity

Special Meeting, April 7, 1853

Present 20 members & 17 visitors

Stated Meeting, April 18, 1853

Present 35 members & 9 visitors

"A communication was received from a Committee on the erection of a Masonic Monument to the memory of George Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., which was referred to the W. M. and Wardens with power to act."

Special Meeting, May 6, 1853

Present 2 members & 2 visitors

Stated Meeting, May 16, 1853

Present 38 members & 19 visitors

Four petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

The Lodge was honored by a visit from Br John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W. of G. Lodge of Penna.

Special Meeting, May 20, 1853

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

Special Meeting, June 13, 1853

Present 6 members & 1 visitor

Stated Meeting, June 20, 1853

Present 37 members & 7 visitors

Five petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"The R. W. G. Secty Communicated the following Resolution from the Hall Committee which had been read and approved at the Grand Quarterly Communication of the G. L. held June 6th 1853.

"Resolved, That the Hall Committee do Suggest to the G. L. the propriety of recommending to the different Lodges meeting in this Hall to suspend their labors during the Month of August, for the purpose of having the Hall completely Cleansed and renovated, as there is not sufficient time now, on account of the frequent Meetings, to have the same done."

"On motion of Br N. H. Maguire it was Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay into the hands of the Trustes of the G. L. D. Fund, out of the general funds of the Lodge, the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars, and the said Trustees be requested to subscribe for Twenty Shares in the New Masonic Loan."

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, July 18, 1853

Present 35 members & 27 visitors

"The Treasurer reported having Subscribed for 20 shares of the loan of the New Masonic Hall, and that he had paid $500 on a/c therefor."

Stated Meeting, September 19, 1853

Present 38 members & 27 visitors

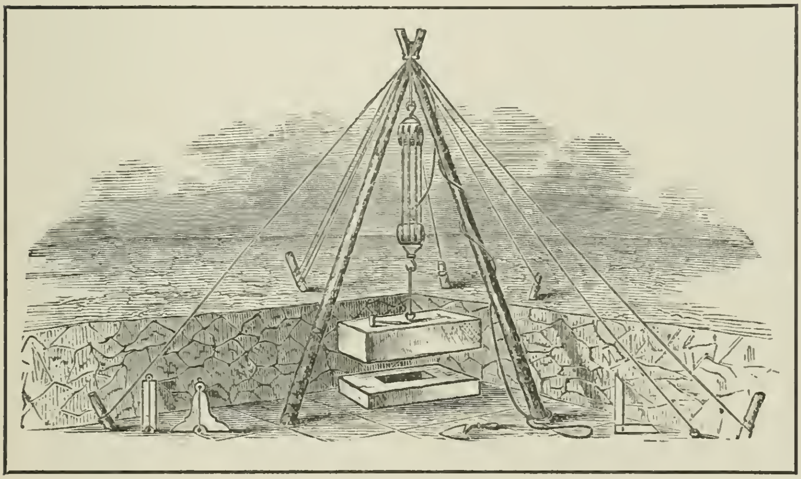
The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, October 17, 1853

Present 38 members & 36 visitors

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

"The W. M. reported that he had caused to be prepared upon parchment a list of the Officers and Members of the Lodge for the purpose of being deposited in the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Hall; and also a copy for each member of this Lodge."



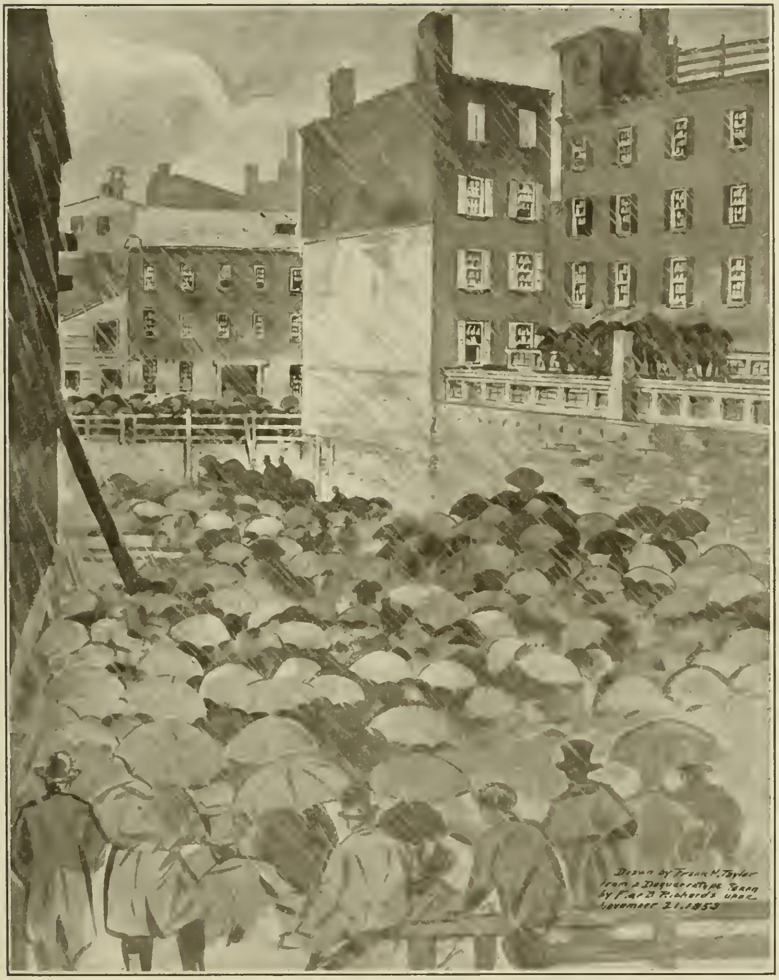
THE next event of importance in the history of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, was the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, below Eighth, on the site of the old Hall of 1809 and 1820, which had been demolished to give room for the new and enlarged structure, still cherished in the memory of the Masonic *Ancients* and *Veterans.*

The day set for the imposing Ceremony was Monday, November 21, 1853. The day dawned raw, cold and wet, and as noon approached a cold rain fell in torrents. This, however, did not deter the brethren from carrying out the full program as originally mapped out.

A daguerreotype of the scene was taken from a window on the opposite of the Street, a copy of which is shown upon the opposite page.

Notwithstanding this untoward event an immense crowd gathered to witness the imposing ceremonies, and Chestnut Street and Lodge Alley were both thronged by curious spectators. The windows of the stores opposite, on Chestnut Street, were filled with ladies. A large body of police was in attendance, and prevented disorder.

The joist had been laid for the basement floor of the new hall, and they were securely boarded over for the accommodation of the Craft and other spectators of the exercises. A spacious and comfortable area was thus formed; it was crowded by persons anxious to witness the scene.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by F. & D. Richards upon
November 21, 1853

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE "NEW MASONIC HALL"

CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 21, 1853.

On the east side a platform was erected for the accommodation of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master having an elevated spot in the middle, upon which was placed the ancient Oriental Chair once filled by Lafayette.

On either side of the Grand Master's seat, arm chairs were placed for the use of the Grand Officers.

There were also ample accommodations for the invited guests, among whom we noticed the Mayor, Recorder, City Councils, the Marshal of Police, &c. The press was also well provided for.

On the west side of the area a large platform was erected for a most excellent and extensive choir and capital orchestra, which were under the efficient direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington. The arrangements throughout were most complete.

Arrival of the Grand Officers.

The Grand and Past Grand Officers, Building Committee, Architect, &c., were at a convenient place in the neighborhood. At half past eleven o'clock they repaired to the spot in procession, clothed in full regalia; the orchestra playing a grand march. The following was the order of procession:

Grand Tyler.

Building Committee, composed of the following named Brethren—

James Page,
James Hutchinson,
Francis Blackburne,
Wm. M. Swain,
Philip R. Engard,
William Carr,
George Smith.

Superintendents.
Architect.

Grand Pursuivant and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Wardens.
Past Grand Masters.
Deputy Grand Master.
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
Supported on either side by the Senior Grand Deacon and
Junior Grand Deacon, each bearing a blue wand
tipped with gold.
Grand Sword Bearer.
The Stewards, with wands.

On arriving at the ground the escort halted, and opening right and left, faced inwards, and proceeded with reversed front to the platform, the Grand Master at the head. After they were seated in their appropriate places, the Grand Master proclaimed silence, and an eloquent prayer was offered by Rev. John Chambers, one of the Grand Chaplains.

The following Ode, composed for the occasion by Bro. J. K. Mitchell, and the music arranged by Bro. Cunnington, was then sung by the choir and Brethren present, accompanied by the entire orchestra:

MASONIC ODE.[17]

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
  Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
  To thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to *Friendship, Truth* and *Love* we raise,
Where, ages yet to come, shall sound our Master's praise.

Silence having been again obtained, the R. W. Grand Master, Anthony Bournonville, Esq., M.D., directed the R. W. G.

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[17] *Cf.* Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VIII, p. 494.

Treasurer to proclaim to the Craft from the platform the contents about to be placed in the corner stone, viz:

LIST OF ARTICLES IN CORNER STONE.

List of the names of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, with a list of the present Past Grand Masters and Past Grand High Priests, elegantly written on Parchment.

Copy of the Holy Bible and the Ahiman Rezon, both very handsomely bound.

List of the Officers and Members of the different Subordinate Lodges and Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, inscribed on parchment.

Names of the Executive Officers of the General, State and City Government.

All the gold, silver and copper coins of the United States for the present year.

Also silver dollars 1795, 1797, 1798 and 1800.[18]

Bronze Medals of Washington and Lafayette.[18]

Names of the Building Committee, Architect, Superintendent and Contractors for the several branches of the work.

A picture of the old Hall, a design of the new Hall, a copy of the specifications, a Masonic Register, and the newspapers of the day.

THE CORNER STONE.

The corner stone is formed of a block of brown stone, five feet long, by three in width, and two in depth.—The cavity is three feet long, by one foot wide and one deep. On the upper face of the stone is the following

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[18] Contents of Corner Stone now in the museum of the Grand Lodge.

INSCRIPTION.

"This Corner Stone of the new Masonic Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was laid on the 21st day of November, A.D. 1853, A. L. 5853, with appropriate ceremonies, by Anthony Bournonville, Esq., R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by the following named Grand Officers, and amidst the acclamations of the Brethren:

James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
John K. Mitchell, M.D., R. W. J. Grand Warden.
John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

And God said "Let there be light."

After having proclaimed the contents as above, the Grand Treasurer, followed by two Grand Deacons, proceeded to the place where the corner stone lay, in the north east corner of the lot, and deposited the different articles in a metallic box, which was hermetically closed and soldered, and fitted in the hollow designed for the purpose.

While this ceremony was being performed, solemn music was played by the full orchestra.

LAYING THE STONE.

The R. W. Grand Master then left his seat, and, accompanied by the R. W. Past Grand Master, who carried the Gilt Gavel; the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the Square; the R. W. Sen. G. Warden, the Level; the R. W. J. G. Warden, the Plumb, descended from the platform, and proceeded to the Corner Stone.

The R. W. G. Master, assisted by two operative masons, laid the corner stone in its bed.

The architect presented a trowel to the Grand Master, who spread cement upon the stone, applied successively the Square, Level, and Plumb, and delivered the following impressive

PRAYER.

"May the Almighty God bless this corner stone, which we have now laid, and which I, as the Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, hereby declare to be duly laid Square, Level and Plumb, and may He by His providence enable us to finish this, and every other work which may be undertaken for the Glory of Masonry, for the Honor of the Brethren, and for the benefit of mankind."

He then struck the stone three times with the Golden Gavel a little after twelve M., amidst the acclamations of the Brethren. The orchestra and choir meanwhile performing the

HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

The Grand Master and Grand Officers then re-ascended the platform and took their seats.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the Grand Master, read from the platform the inscription which had been cut upon the stone.

The architect was then introduced to the Grand Master, who delivered him the Plumb, Level and Square, intrusting him with the superintendence and direction of the work in the following words:

"Brother Samuel Sloan—I now deliver to you, the Architect of this Masonic Temple, the implements of architecture and symbols of our craft. May the Great Architect on High speed you and the craftsmen under you; and may He prosper the work, that it may prove the *beauty, strength* and *wisdom* of our art, and tend to His everlasting Glory."

An Oration was then delivered by Bro. John K. Mitchell, M. D., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

After the Oration was concluded, the following Anthem was sung by the choir.

ANTHEM.

Now elevate the sign of Judah! Now elevate the Banner! call it forth in Zion.

O put your trust in God! He will save us. He is always gracious to his servants.

O praise the Lord of Hosts! Exalt his name, and glorify him evermore! Forever more! Amen!

After a benediction by Rev. Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Officers retired in regular order, the orchestra performing a Grand March. The Brethren present, and the spectators, soon after dispersed.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 1853

Present 56 members & 28 visitors

"Resolved, That the Initiation of this Lodge, shall be raised to Thirty Dollars payable in advance, that is to say, $5 with the proposition and $25 at the reception of the 1st degree."

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

Eleven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Special Meeting, November 25, 1853

Present 3 members.

By dispensation the seven brethren were Passed to the Chair.

Wm H. West, of Lodge No. 2
Ed Wiler, of Lodge No. 2
J. D. McLean, of Lodge No. 2
Peter Lamb Jr., of Lodge No. 3.
Jas. J. Robins, of Lodge No. 3
Alfred Day, of Lodge No. 186.
George Connell, of Lodge No. 72

Lodge closed in harmony at 4.10, P.M.

Special Meeting, December 1, 1853

Present 3 members & 4 visitors

M. M. L. opened at 2½, P. M.

Lodge closed at 5.15, P. M.

Stated Meeting, December 19, 1853

Present 82 members & 16 visitors

The following Officers were elected, to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, Viz

Br John J. Wieght, W. M.
" N. B. Moseley, S. W.
Br James Thomas, J.W. Br William Robertson, Treas. & N. H. Maguire, Secty.

''The Commtitee on Supper reported that in Consequence of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, they were obliged to postpone the annual Supper from this evening to Monday Jan 2nd 1854.''

Six petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The W. M. duly installed.

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1854

Present 4 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation three Brs. were Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 16, 1854

Present 49 members & 21 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

The sum of 25 dollars granted for Charity.

"Resolved, That Section 1st of Article of the By laws be so amended as to read that the initiation fee of this lodge shall be $50. viz $5 at the time of presenting his petition and $45 at the time of his initiation."

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1854

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

Officers installed

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1854.

Present 8 members & 3 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1854

Present 5 members.

Stated Meeting, February 20, 1854

Present 37 members & 8 visitors

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

Special Meeting, March 1, 1854

Present 5 members & 2 visitors

Special Meeting, March 10, 1854

Present 2 members, & 2 visitors

By dispensation Br Wm Goodall, of Lodge No. 134, & Saml P. Pedrick, of Lodge No. 3, Passed to the Chair.

Special Meeting, March 11, 1854

Present 3 members & 3 visitors.

By dispensation Br Jacob Carver, of Lodge No. 2, Br Chas Kockersperger, of No 3, & J. J. Bender, of No 15, N. J. Passed to the Chair.

Stated Meeting, March 20, 1854

Present 36 members & 11 visitors

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

"The R. W. G. M. Jas Hutchinson, honored the Lodge with a visit."

Special Meeting, March 22, 1854

Present 3 members.

By dispensation, the following brethren were, Passed to the Chair. Jno Kilgore, of Lodge No. 114, Br Hornor of Lodge No. 274, Br W. F. Pitfield, of No. 19, Br Saml Rain, of No. 114, W. M. McClure, of No. 114, & Brs Thos Miles, A. W. Harker, Frs Gibbons & C. M. Taylor, of No. 131.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 5½, P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 31, 1854

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 14, 1854

Present 3 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation the following Brs were Passed to the Chair, to wit

Br Chas G. Thomas, of Lodge No. 2, Phila
" Jno J. Huntzinger, of Lodge No. 216, Pottsville
" W. B. Miller, of Lodge No. 15, Camden, N. J.
" Caleb H. Needles, of Lodge No. 131, Phila

STATED MEETING, APRIL 17, 1854

Present 27 members & 7 visitors

''A Communication was received from Bristol Lodge No. 25 inviting the members of this Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies of the dedication of their New Hall on Monday, May 1st.

Br Moseley brought the attention of the Lodge, to the petition of Bristol Lodge, as presented some time since, asking assistance to build the Hall in question, and on motion of Br Gumpel, the Lodge granted $25.''

Special Meeting, April 27, 1854

Present 2 members & 4 visitors

By dispensation twelve Brethren were Passed to the Chair.

Stated Meeting, May 15, 1854

Present 31 members & 14 visitors

The sum of 25 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, June 19, 1854

Present 41 members & 16 visitors

"On Motion, Resolved, That when this Lodge Closes, it will be to the Stated Meeting in September, as permitted and directed by the Grand Lodge."

Special Meeting, June 26, 1854

Present 3 members & 4 visitors

By dispensation six brethren were Passed to the Chair.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 4, P.M.

Stated Meeting, September 18, 1854

Present 51 members & 18 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity.

Four petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"Lodge closed in harmony at 11 P.M. and adjourned to the Refreshment room where the Members were agreeably Surprised on finding a large freezer of most excellent Ice Cream Supplied by our Zealous brother and fellow member William B. Turner Esq."

SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1854

Present 2 members & 5 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 1854

Present 3 members & 3 visitors

By dispensation five brethren were passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 1854

Present 30 members & 33 visitors

Br J. D. Swain, Raised

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 1854

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

By dispensation the following brethren were Passed to the Chair, to wit

George Boldin, of Lodge No. 67.
Chas R. Dannenhower, of Lodge No. 67.
Jos P. Loughead, of Lodge No. 289.
Gabriel Phillips, of Lodge No. 289.
Henry C. Troutman, of Lodge No. 131.
Wm H. Hurley, of Lodge No. 131.
Jno A. Ellison, of Lodge No. 131.
Lewis Seal, of Lodge No. 15, N. J.
Martin E. Hamstead, of Lodge No. 15, N. J.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1854

Present 47 members & 36 visitors

The sum of 45 dollars granted for Charity

Two petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

Special Meeting, December 18, 1854

Present 11 members. Lodge opened at 3 p.m.

Lodge closed in harmony at 6 P.M.

Stated Meeting, December 18, 1854.

Present 86 members & 34 visitors

This being the night set apart for the election of Officers, resulted as follows. Br Nathaniel B. Moseley, W.M. Br James Thomas, S.W. Br Joseph Tallman, J.W. Br William Robertson, Treasurer, & Francis Blackburn, Secretary.

"Resolved, That refreshments at our Monthly Meetings be dispensed with."

The W. M. duly installed.

The Lodge was honored during the evening by a visit from the following Grand Officers.

Br James Hutchinson, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Wm H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty
" Thos E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer

Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ P.M.

Stated Meeting, January 15, 1855

Present 42 members, & 21 visitors

Officers installed.

"In view of the approaching dedication of the New

Hall in Chestnut Street, when a grand procession is expected to take place, it was on Motion Resolved,

That a Committee of Three be appointed to procure New Regalia for the Officers and Members of this Lodge. The W. M. appointed Brs Thos Graham, Frs Blackburn, and Jos Tallman, the Committee''

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 1855

Present 36 members & 20 visitors

The sum of 50 dollars granted for Charity

Two petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 1855

Present 2 members & 1 visitor

STATED MEETING, MARCH 19, 1855

Present 30 members & 22 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

''Br Graham announced the death of our late member Edwin A. Diehl and on motion, duly seconded, the W. M. appointed Brs Blackburn, George, Culin, Weight, & Tallman, a Committee to report resolutions &c at the next Stated Meeting, Expressive of our regret.''

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 26, 1855

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

Stated Meeting, April 16, 1855

Present 31 members & 18 visitors

"The Committee appointed on purchasing and refitting the Regalia, were instructed to procure a handsome ballot box for the use of this Lodge."

"The Committee appointed with regard to the death of our late brother, Edwin A. Diehl reported the following preamble and the Secty was directed to have the same handsomely transcribed and delivered to the bereaved family.

That as a testimonial of our grief this Lodge shall be draped in mourning for the space of three Months."

"The R. W. D. Grand Master Peter Williamson Esq. honored the Lodge with his presence this evening."

Stated Meeting, May 21, 1855

Present 42 members & 43 visitors

"Br Blackburn reported the action of the G. L. in resolving to dedicate the New Hall in September Next and the Committe on Regalia were authorized to have the Regalia which was used at Br Girard's funeral renovated if found desirable."

"The Committee on procuring a Burial Lot were instructed to accept the gift tendered by the Mount Moriah Cemetery Company by Selecting a lot in their grounds and were authorized to have it properly railed and decorated when the proper time arrived."

STATED MEETING, JUNE 18, 1855

Present 48 members & 22 visitors.

"Br Graham from the Committee on Burial Lot, reported having attended to their duties, and had concluded to recommend to the Lodge the choice of another lot different from the one offered as a gift by the Mount Moriah Company the cost of which is $30. additional," reported accepted, and an order directed to issue for the amount ($30).

"The Lot in question is in front of the 2nd circle and contains 520 Square Feet."

"A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge, stating that the day set apart for the Dedication of the New Hall, is the 26th day of Sept next."

"Br Blackburn brought to the notice of the Lodge the fact that the Grand Lodge had established a Charity Fund for the Widows and Orphans of masons in good Standing, but which fund was only applicable to Members, (in the 1st place) of Lodges acting in conjunction therewith and offered the following resolutions, when on motion was postponed to the next Stated Meeting. Resolved

That Lodge No 2 asquiesce in and Subscribe to the terms establishing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund as adopted in G. L. June 18th 1855"

"The Committee on Regalia were instructed to procure a complete New Set of Officers Regalia previous to Meeting in the New Hall."

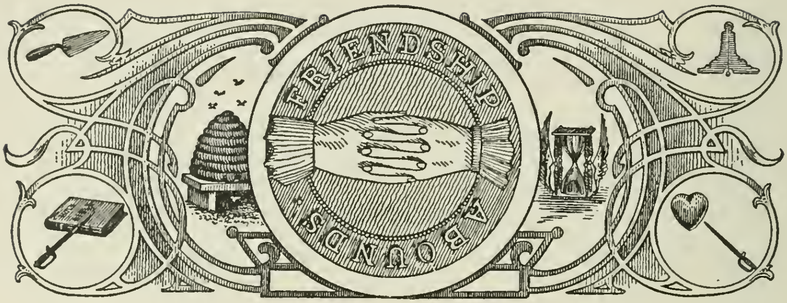
STATED MEETING, JULY 16, 1855

Present 35 members & 10 visitors

"On Motion of Br Graham it was Resolved, That the Members of this Lodge meet at Br Pelletier's on the morning of Sept 26th for the purpose of joining in the Ceremonies of dedicating our New Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street."

"On Motion the deeds for the Burial Lot in Mount Moriah Cemetery were directed to be made out in the name of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Dues Fund."

"The W. M. was authorized to extend an informal invitation to our friends of Lafayette Lodge of Wilmington to join this Lodge on the 26th of September."

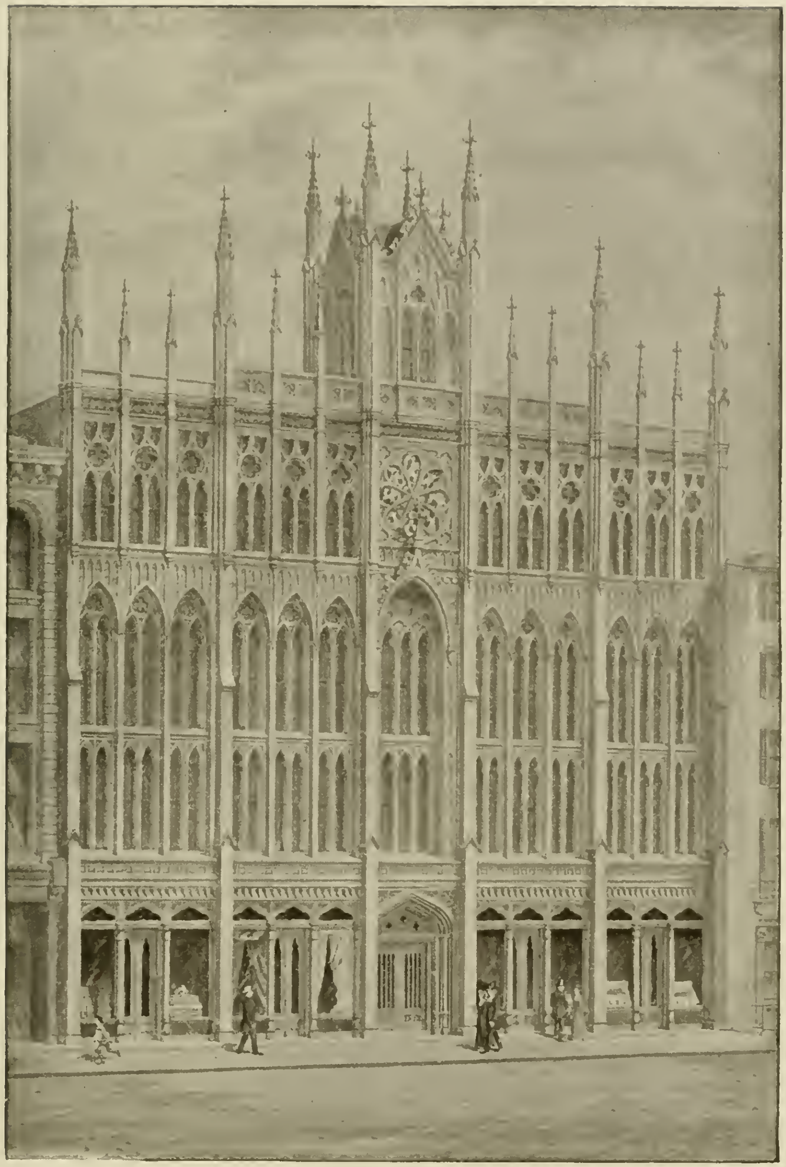


CHAPTER XXX.

The New Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 1855.

TOWARD the close of the year 1855, the hopes of the brethren were realized. The beautiful New Masonic Hall erected upon the site of the Old Hall on Chestnut Street was completed, and ready to be dedicated with Masonic honors. All the trials and tribulations incident to the anti-Masonic craze had been overcome and surmounted; prosperity had returned. It was just twenty years since our Grand Lodge had vacated the rebuilt hall on Chestnut Street under the stress of the times, and moved into smaller and less prominent quarters on South Third Street, as so aptly stated by Brother James King of Pittsburgh in his dedicatory oration:

"Arduously and steadily have those brethren toiled for the accomplishment of their strong desire. Having surmounted every opposing obstacle, and approached nearer and still more nearly to their object, until after twenty years labor in preparing the way, all things, at



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1855—NEW MASONIC HALL—1873

CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

CORNER-STONE LAID NOVEMBER 21, 1851.

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1855. EVACUATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1973.

last, are ready; and this day is witnessed their happy, glorious and complete return, and the consummation of their fondest hopes.''

The day chosen for the dedication and consecration of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia was September 26, A.D. 1855, A.L. 5855, being the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Great preparations had been made for the dedication and consecration of the new hall, which was built of brown stone, in the Gothic style or, as it is sometimes called, the ''pointed architecture,'' which has been considered emblematical of that faith which points to the Divine Architect as the sun and source of every excellence.

The dedication and consecration of the new hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, was celebrated by about four thousand of the Brethren, with great pomp and splendor, and with feelings of gratitude and joy. The Brethren of the lodges in the city, joined by numbers from the different parts of the State, and from our sister States, among whom were several officers of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Connecticut, and Tennessee, assembled at the old Hall, in Third Street, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and were formed into procession, agreeably to the following orders issued by the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Marshal.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Band.
Grand Marshal.
Junior Lodge in Front.
Each Lodge in the Following Order.
Masters of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two and Two.
Fellow Craft, Two and Two.
Masters Masons, Two and Two.
Past Masters, Two and Two.
Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.
In the Rear of the Oldest Lodge, Brethren From
Other Jurisdictions.
Grand Tyler.
Building Committee.
Architect.
Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions.
Past Grand Officers.
Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Chaplains.
Orator.
Grand Deacons.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Wardens.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.

The line will be formed at eight o'clock, precisely, in double ranks, left in front, the right resting on the south-east corner of Third and Spruce street, extending along the east side of Third street to Pine street, and from thence along the south side of Pine street westward; the whole under the direction of the Grand Marshal, each Lodge having one Marshal to each fifty members participating; each Lodge to have at least one Marshal, (unless they number less than twenty members, in that case to be regulated by the Grand Marshal,)—their duty is to attend exclusively to and be accountable for the good order of their particular Lodges, and see that the directions of the Grand Lodge are strictly enforced. The space between the files on the march to be two feet, to be carefully preserved throughout. The line, when formed will move along Pine street to Broad street, thence to Spruce street, thence to Twelfth street, thence to Walnut street, thence to Independence Square. On arriving opposite the centre gate, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and countermarch in the usual form, passing into Independence Square. After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march will be again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) moving by the left, passing round the Square and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On arrival of head of procession at the Hall, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and again countermarch in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrive at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they will break from the procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. The several Lodges now meeting in the Hall in Third street, will make arrangements for convening at some other place on the day of dedication, reserving the said Hall for the accommodation of visitors from a distance and the Lodges of this jurisdiction from the country districts. Each Brother will be required to attend in a full suit of black, dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, (such as have been ordered for the occasion,) excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who alone wear the full Masonic Regalia of their respective stations. This order will be strictly enforced.

JAMES HUTCHINSON, *R. W. G. M.*

GRAND MARSHAL'S ORDERS.

In conformity with the orders of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and to facilitate the formation of the procession, the respective Lodges will be at the place of general formation prior to eight o'clock, A. M., as at that time the procession will positively be formed, and take position as herein designated, and be assigned their places in line by an assistant Grand Marshal.

The Marshals of Lodges, immediately on their arrival at the place of formation, will report to the Assistant Grand Marshal, who will furnish them with their badge of office, and such orders as may be requisite for the conduction of the Procession.

The members of each Lodge will be formed in the following order, having due regard to the brethren being arranged according to height.

Masters of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two And Two.
Fellow Craft, Two And Two.
Master Masons, Two And Two.
Past Masters.
Deacons.

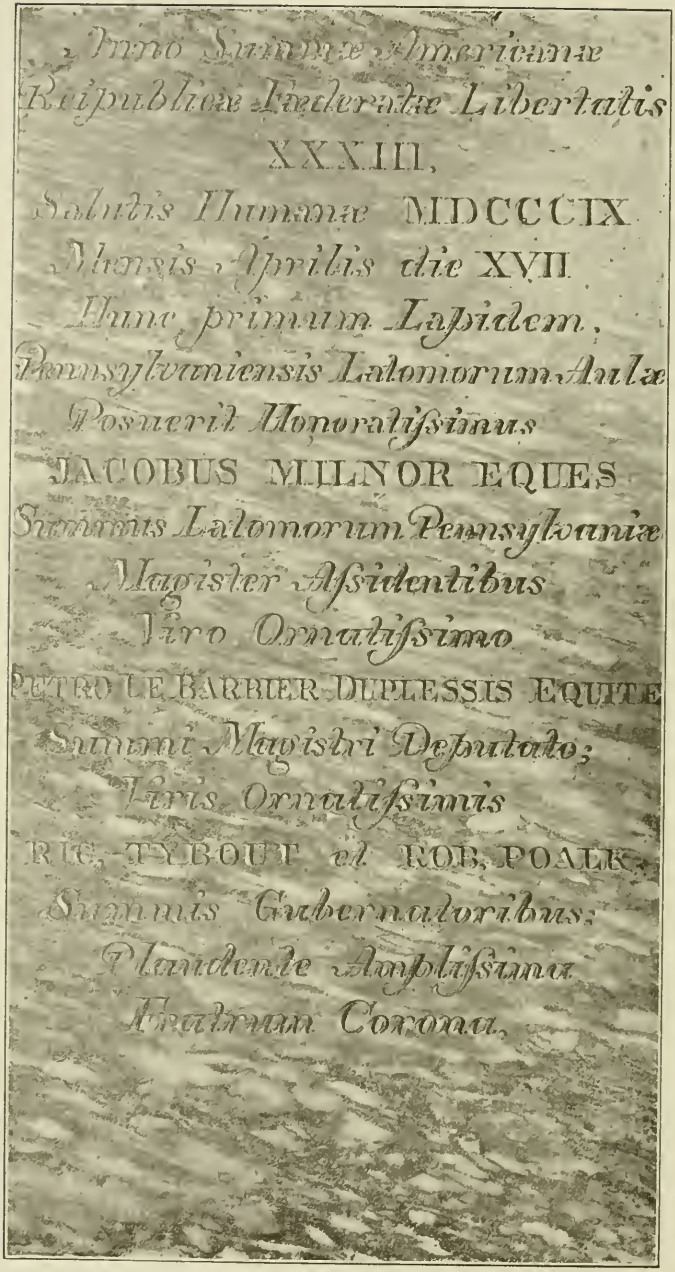
The demolition of the Old Masonic Hall was virtually completed in September, 1853 ; a committee of the Grand Lodge was appointed to superintend the search for the original corner-stone that was laid the seventeenth day of April, 1809.

There was considerable search made for the stone before it was found, the committee having charge of the building not having examined the records relating to the matter were, of course, not aware of the exact spot upon which to look for it.

It was found on Thursday, September 20, 1853, in the north-east corner of the lot, about 50 feet from the north line of the lot, the second building having been deeper than the original edifice.

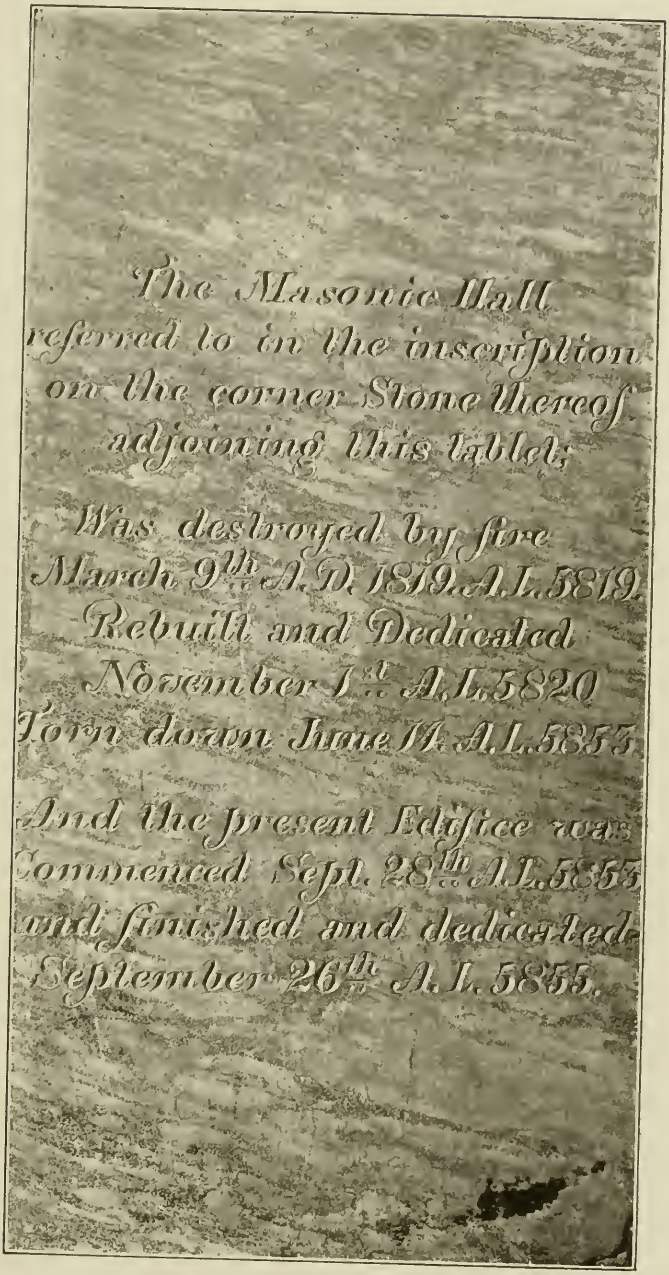
It was firmly imbedded in the solid masonry and much labor was required to effect its removal until late in the afternoon when it was dislodged, and much to the chagrin of the committee, it contained no cavity. It was a plain marble slab bearing a Latin inscription neatly cut upon its face, and in an excellent state of preservation. This was covered by another slab to protect it.

The corner-stone was at once removed to the Hall, in Third Street near Spruce, and was subsequently placed in a conspicuous position in the new building with an explanatory tablet adjoining; both of these tablets are now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple.—(J. F. S.)


Anno Summæ Americanæ
Reipublicæ Fœderatæ Libertatis
XXXIII,
Salutis Humanæ MDCCCIX
Mensis Aprilis die XVII
Hunc primum Lapidem,
Pennsylvaniensis Latomorum Aulæ
Posuerit Honoratiſsimus
JACOBUS MILNOR EQUES
Summus Latomorum Pennsylvaniæ
Magister Aſsidentibus
Viro Ornatiſsimo
PETRO LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS EQUITE
Summi Magistri Deputato;
Viris Ornatiſsimis
RIC. TYBOUT et ROB. POALK
Summis Gubernatoribus:
Plaudente Ampliſsima
Fratrum Corona.

CORNER-STONE OF THE MASONIC HALL,
CHESTNUT STREET, 1809.

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE GRAND LODGE, MASONIC TEMPLE
PHILADELPHIA.


The Masonic Hall
referred to in the inscription
on the corner Stone thereof
adjoining this tablet;

Was destroyed by fire
March 9th A.D. 1819. A.L. 5819.
Rebuilt and Dedicated
November 1st A.L. 5820
Torn down June 14. A.L. 5853

And the present Edifice was
Commenced Sept. 28th A.L. 5853
and finished and dedicated
September 26th A.L. 5855.

TABLET ERECTED BESIDE THE OLD CORNER-STONE.

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE GRAND LODGE, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

Secretary And Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.

Lodges No. 2, 3, and 9, east side of Third street, from Spruce to Pine streets.

Lodges No. 19, 21, 25, and 43, south side of Pine street, between Third and Fourth.

Lodges No. 51, 52, 62, and 67, south side of Pine street, between Fourth and Fifth.

Lodges No. 71, 72, 75, 81, 91, and 114, south side of Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth.

Lodges No. 115, 121, 125, 126, and 130, south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Lodges No. 131, 134, 135, 143, and 152, south side of Pine street, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Lodges No. 155 and 158, south side of Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Lodges No. 186, 187, 190, 194, and 203, south side of Pine street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Lodges No. 211, 216, 218, 223, 226, 227, 230, 236, 244, and 246, south side of Pine street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Lodges No. 254, 258, 259, 262, 266, 268, 271, 274, 275, 279, 281, 283, 284, 286, 287, 289, 292, and 295, south side of Pine street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Brethren from other Jurisdictions will assemble on the south side of Spruce street, between Second and Third streets, and be under charge of an Assistant Grand Marshal. On arrival of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, (by election) of the respective Lodges, at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut street, they will break from the procession, filing to the right (the Masters and Wardens on the south side, and

Past Masters on the north side of Chestnut street,) for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. Lodges not having the requisite number to entitle them to a Marshal will be formed under the direction of their respective Masters, who will with the Assistant Grand Marshals, report at Grand Marshal's office, (Masonic Hall, South Third Street,) on the morning of the 26th instant, at seven o'clock.

The Marshals of Lodges will be particular in observing that the orders of the Grand Master are strictly conformed to by the Brethren, especially as regards dress, which will consist of a Black Hat, Black Cravat, Black Vest, Black (Dress) Coat, Black Pants, and White gloves. On no consideration can Brethren not conforming to the above be admitted in the Procession. Canes, unless absolutely required, will be excluded from the line. No Brother unattached to a Lodge, can participate in the ceremony. In countermarching, the Lodges will pass through the Hall to Lodge alley. As they leave the building, they will be under the direct control of their respective Marshals, who will immediately conduct them to some suitable place for the purpose of unrobing and dismissal.

The Hall will be opened on the afternoon of the 26th instant, from two and a half to five o'clock, for the accommodation of Brethren of the Order residing out of the City.

The following named Brethren have been appointed Assistant Grand Marshals, and will be respected accordingly.

Bros. J. L. Hutchinson, Alex. Murphy, Geo. W. Wood, Wm. Camac, F. S. Lewis, J. Wm. Hoffman, Jas. B. Fidler, David F. Foley, Thos. A. Andrews, A. C. Suplee, A. L. Hough, Geo. F. Delleker, Wm. A. Fox, Martin Leans, G. Eckendorf, Atwood Smith, Edwin Watson, Franklin Smith. J. Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.

In the order laid down, the procession moved over the route fixed upon. When the front of the procession reached Independence Square, (Walnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, centre gate,) the Brethren halted and opened ranks, facing inwards. The Grand Master and Grand Officers, preceded by a Band of Music, moved through the ranks into the square, the Brethren uncovering as the Grand Master and Grand Officers passed them, and closing from the rear, followed in reversed order. The Grand Master, Grand Officers, Orator of the Day, and the Grand Officers of sister Grand Lodges, and a number of aged Brethren, occupied a platform erected for the purpose near the centre of the Square. The bands and choristers, under the direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, occupied a large platform on the other side of the broad avenue, directly opposite the platform occupied by the Grand Officers.

The bands played a grand march until all the Brethren were arranged on the avenues between the platforms. It is almost impossible to give a description of the splendid appearance of the Brethren thus assembled—it was truly a magnificent sight, and worthy the occasion.

CEREMONIES IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

PRAYER.[1]

By the Rev. Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain.

We beseech thee, Omnipotent Jehovah, thou Great Architect of the Universe, to protect, guide, and perpetuate this glorious Union, suffer not a link of the great chain that binds us as a people to be severed. And now, thou infinite Jehovah, as a band of Brethren, we implore thee, as the memories of the past crowd upon us, that the gates of the Temple of Liberty, erected by our Fathers, may stand open night and day, that the oppressed of all nations may here find a home, and the poor exile shake from his thin robes the chilly dews of other and less favored climes, and here clothe himself in the garments of Freedom. And like this great Masonic heart, whose pulsations are Universal Benevolence, Faith, Hope and Charity, may this institution continue to be one great heart of Unity and Love forever. Amen.

MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, words by Bro. F. N. Crouch.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

Chorus.

Refulgent orb of Heaven and Earth,
That givest light and nature birth,
Beneath thy rays we offerings bring
Of filial love to Heaven's High King.
This day before thy Master's throne
We dedicate the work that's done;
Look down upon us, Mighty God,
And signify our labors good.
Our temple's raised our voices ring
With hallelujahs to Heaven's high King.

Solo.

We've sought the Landmarks of the good,
By drawing water, hewing wood;
By consecrating halls to Thee,
Thou God of vast Eternity.
From East to West our name is known,
From North to South Thy seed is sown.
Wherever man on earth repairs,
Thy love and laws he wisely shares.

Quartette.

Father of Mercy, Truth and Grace,
From every Mason's heart efface,
Each thought that would do wrong to Thee.
Master, through all Eternity,
Thy will be done on Earth, in Heaven—
Forgive our sins as we've forgiven—
Endue us with fraternal love,
Prepare us for the Lodge above;
Square in action, level, true,
As down life's vale we journey through.
Thine be the glory, Thine the praise—
Accept the joyous songs we raise.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father,
Through vaulted space shall run,
We consecrate our Temple,
The Builders' work is done.

Semi-Chorus.

Now to the Lodge repairing,
In true Masonic labors sharing;
Holy, just, and pure the creed,
To succor, and to clothe, and feed
The orphan child and widow'd mother;
The last behest of a dying Brother.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father, &c.

ORATION.

By Bro. James King, of Pittsburgh.[1]

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[1] Oration published in full, Vol. IX, Reprint of Minutes, pp. 334–343.

GRAND CHORUS.

Music by Haydn. Adapted and arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Achieved is the glorious work,
The Lord beholds it and is pleased,
In lofty strains let us rejoice,
Our song let be the praise of God.

MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. John K. Mitchell.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
  Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise.
  To Thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to Friendship, Truth, and Love is raised,
Where ages yet to come our Master shall be praised.

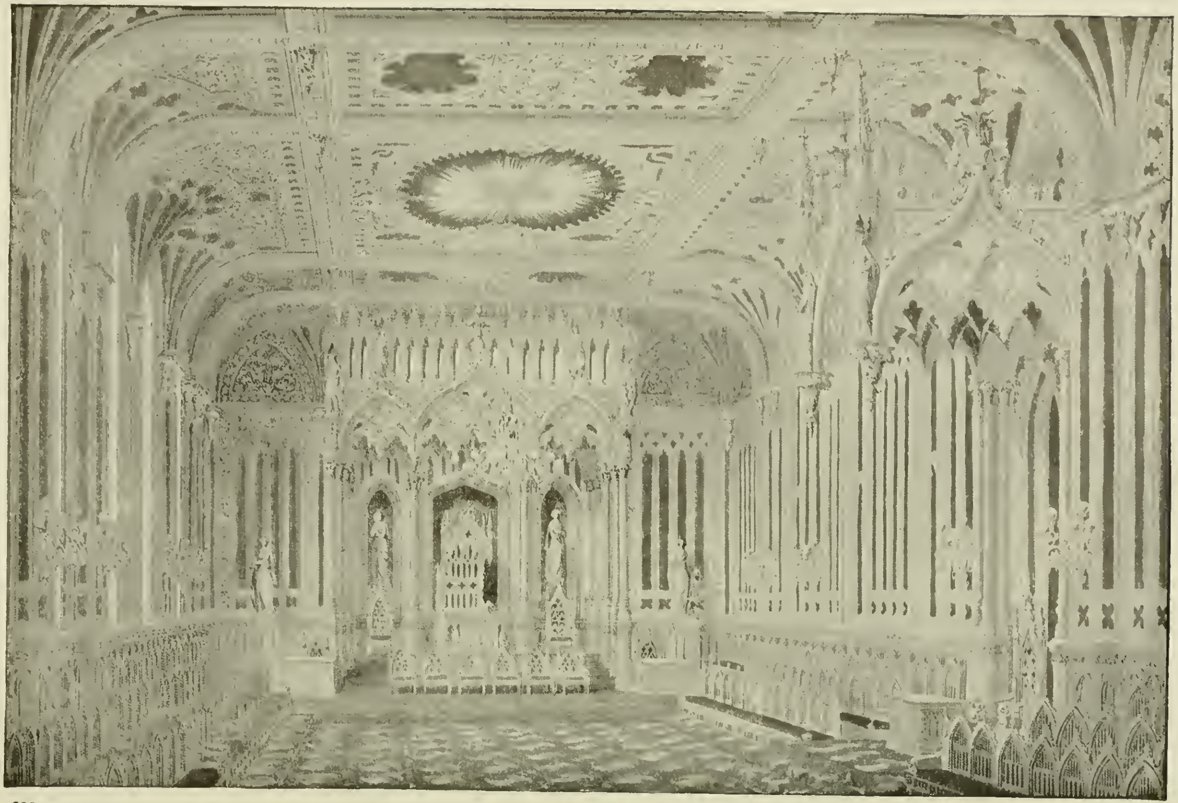
GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS BY HANDEL.

Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord,
And he shall reign forever and ever
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION.

By Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain.



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GRAND LODGE ROOM.

CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march was again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) the line moved by the left, passed around the Square, and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On the arrival of the head of the Procession at the Hall, the Brethren halted, faced inwards, and again countermarched in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrived at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they broke from the Procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge.

Upon entering the Hall, the Grand Lodge proceeded up stairs to the Grand Lodge room, where the ceremony of dedication was to be performed. The Subordinate Lodges merely filed through the building upon the lower floor and passed out of the rear door on Lodge street. They then repaired to convenient places, where they were dismissed.

CEREMONIES IN THE HALL.

Upon the entrance of the Grand Lodge, the Band played a Grand March. On the Grand Master reaching his Chair, the G. O. took their stations and the Members their seats.

Grand Lodge Opened.

Prayer.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

The Architect then handed over to the Grand Master possession of the Building. After the reply of the Grand Master to the Architect, the following

MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Wm. H. Allen.

Temple of Ancient Masonry,
Grand Almonry, within thy massive walls
Rejoicing throng the faithful and the free,
To dedicate thy halls
To Truth, Love, Charity.

THE CEREMONY OF DEDICATION.

Previous to which the following

ANTHEM.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

Now elevate the sign of Judah!
Now elevate the Banner!
Call it forth in Zion!
O put your trust in God!
He will save us.
He is always gracious to his servants.
O praise the Lord of Hosts!
Exalt his name and glorify him evermore.
For evermore! Amen.

The Music having ceased, Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain, delivered the

Consecrating Prayer.

Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, standing before the L. made the

Invocation.

After the G. O. had taken their seats the

GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
To the God of Israel.
He will save us in the day of flight.
God is great in Battle,
For he is the Lord of Hosts.
He is our refuge,
We will praise him for evermore.

Grand March.

PRAYER.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

AN ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Freeman Scott.

Almighty Architect Divine!
To Thee we dedicate this Hall;
May it with Love and Truth combine
Fraternal Friendship, dear to all.

The following are the names of the Grand and Past Grand Officers who participated in the ceremonies attendant on the Dedication, with the Building Committee and Architect.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. James Hutchinson, Grand Master.
Bro. Peter Williamson, Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. John K. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden.
Bro. Henry M. Phillips, Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. William H. Adams, Grand Secretary.

Bro. G. Remak, Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. R. Vaux, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bros. C. B. Reess and R. S. Wilson, Grand Stewards.
Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.
Bro. Horace L. Peterson, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Brothers John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, R. D. Morris, Wm. Cooper, W. H. Reese.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Bros. Jas. Harper, C. Stevenson, Wm. Barger, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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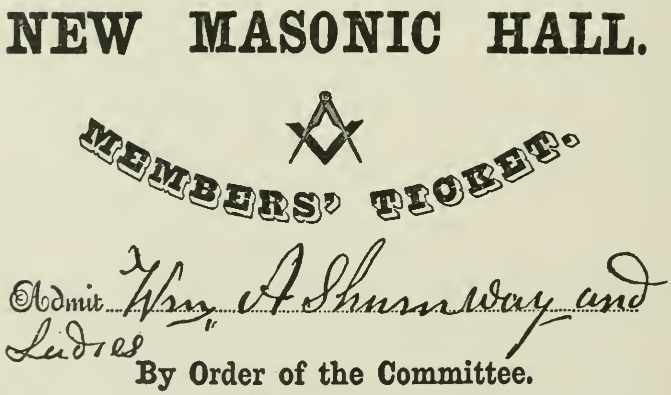

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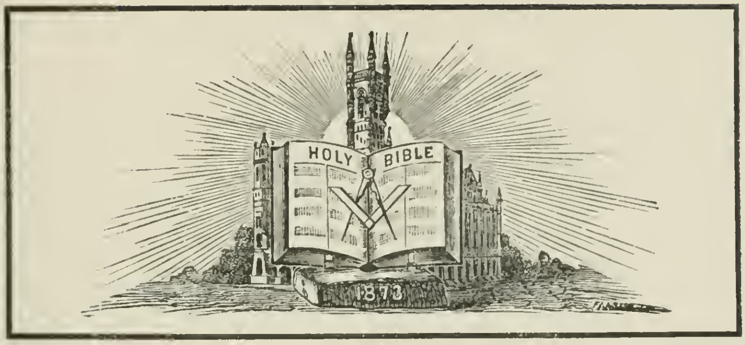

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